

TOWN OF WESTPORT
ANNUAL REPORTS
2004

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
&
OTHER BOARDS OF OFFICERS

Including a Statement of the
Receipts and Expenditures
for the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2004

IN MEMORIAM
(See Memoriam)

A TRIBUTE
(See Memoriam)

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THOSE WHO SERVED AT
LEAST TEN YEARS
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE TOWN
(See Memoriam)**

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE FOLLOWING
FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE
WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**
(See Memoriam)

ABOUT WESTPORT

SETTLED:

1670 - Incorporated July 2, 1787
200 years old in 1987

COUNTY:

Bristol

POPULATION:

1950 - 4,987
1960 - 7,185
1970 - 9,313
1980 - 13,604
1990 - 13,241
2000 - 14,206
2004 - 14,715

AREA:

61 Square Miles - 33,900 acres (Road Mileage - approximately

140 miles of accepted street, not including Routes 6, 88 & 177)

HIGHEST ELEVATION
ABOVE SEA LEVEL:

240 Feet

TAX RATE:

Fiscal Year 2005	\$ 6.14
Fiscal Year 2004	\$ 8.07
Fiscal Year 2003	\$ 8.25
Fiscal Year 2002	\$ 10.20
Fiscal Year 2001	\$ 9.33
Fiscal Year 2000	\$ 10.12
Fiscal Year 1999	\$ 9.98

FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Open Town Meeting - Annual Meeting 1st Tuesday in May
Board Of Selectmen/Town Administrator

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION: 2nd Tuesday in April

HOSPITALS NEARBY: Charlton Memorial & St. Anne's in Fall River
St. Luke's in New Bedford

HUMAN SERVICES: Council on Aging
Veterans Services

HEALTH: Part-Time Community Nurse

PUBLIC SAFETY: Full-Time Fire Department with two fire stations
Trained Paramedics & EMT's provide emergency
& ambulance service
Full-Time Police Department

UTILITIES: Electrical service provided by Eastern Edison Company &
Commonwealth Electric Company
Natural gas service provided by Fall River Gas Company
Phone service provided by Bell Atlantic

SCHOOLS:

Public: Elementary - Alice A. Macomber & Westport Elementary
School
Westport Middle School
Westport High School
Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School
Bristol County Agricultural High School

Private: Several private schools, nursery schools & day care centers

CHURCHES:

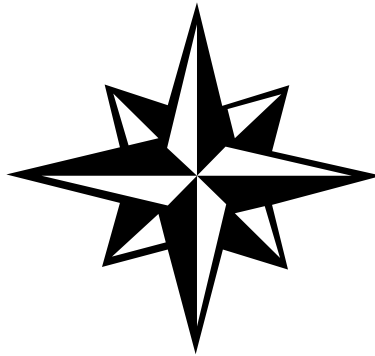
Three Catholic; two Congregational; one Methodist;
one Quaker, Calvary Bible; one Chapel (seasonal)

RECREATION:

State Reservation - Horseneck Beach; thirty-five miles of
shoreline and ponds provide for boating; sailing; fishing and
other water related sports; hunting; wide variety of seasonal
programs and events under the jurisdiction of the Community
Center Committee

POST OFFICES:

Main Office - 649 State Road Route 6), 02790
Central Village Station - 10 Adamsville Road, 02790
Noquochoke Station - Old County Road, 02790
Westport Point - Main Road, 02791

**THE PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT YOU****GOVERNOR**

His Excellency, Mitt Romney (R)
Office of the Governor, Room 360
Boston, MA 02133

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy (D)
U.S. Senate, Russell Office Building, Rm.315
Washington, D.C. 20510 or
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Rm.2400-A
Boston, MA 02203

The Honorable John Kerry (D)
U.S. Senate, Russell Office Building, Rm.421
Washington, D.C. 20510 or
222 Millikin Boulevard, Suite 311
Fall River, MA 02721

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

The Honorable Barney Frank (D)

4TH DISTRICT

2252 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2104 or
558 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
1ST BRISTOL DISTRICT

or

The Honorable Joan M. Menard
Room 520, State House, Boston, MA 02133

1 Government Center, Room 235
Fall River, MA 02721

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
8TH BRISTOL DISTRICT

The Honorable Michael Rodrigues (D)
Room 43, State House, Boston, MA 02133
or 151 State Road, Westport, MA 02790

BRISTOL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

P.O. Box 208
Taunton, MA 02780

Maria F. Lopes, Chairman
Arthur R. Machado
Christopher T. Saunders
Marc J. Santos, Esq., Clerk of the Board
(508) 824-9681

TOWN OFFICERS - 2004

SELECTMEN

Stewart Kirkaldy	2005
Steven J. Ouellette	2005
Elizabeth A. Collins	2006
Richard M. Tongue	2006
David P. Dionne	2007

TERM EXPIRES

TOWN CLERK

Marlene M. Samson	2005
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MODERATOR

Steven W. Fors	2007
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TREASURER

George E. Foster	2005
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Carol A. Borden	2005
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ASSESSORS

John J. McDermott	2005
Robert Grillo	2006
Stephen J. Medeiros	2007

BOARD OF HEALTH

Donna Lambert	2005
Brenda J. Burke	2006
Sean Leach	2007

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas Perkins	2005
Ann M. Boxler	2006
Sally Huntington	2006
Paul Menzies	2007
Julia Bernert	2007

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paul Jennings	2005
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HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Harold J. Sisson, Jr.	2005
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FISH COMMISSIONERS

Russell T. Hart	2005
James Coughlan	2006
Daniel P. Sullivan	2007

CONSTABLES

Joseph Migliori	2005
William A. Pariseau	2005

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

TERM EXPIRES

Ruth S. Manchester	2005
Pauline B. Dooley	2005
Nancy M. Dawson	2006
Susan B. Pedreira	2006
Deborah J. Lee	2007
Marjorie T. Sandborg	2007

LANDING COMMISSIONERS

Harold J. Sisson, Jr.	2005
Christopher R. Gillespie	2006
Carl Tripp	2006
Stafford Hart	2007

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Elizabeth A. Collins	2005
Donald A. Maynard	2006
Marjorie A. Holden (State appointed)	2006
J. Duncan Albert	2008
Sarah Howard-McHugh	2009

PLANNING BOARD

David Wallace	2005
John Montano	2006
Timothy H. Gillespie	2007
Wayne A. Sunderland	2008
Gregory Franchetti	2009

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF TRUST FUNDS

George F. Dean	2005
John R. Gifford	2006
Ronald Costa	2007

Employee Appreciation Day August 27, 2004

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS.....	80
MARRIAGES.....	79
DEATHS.....	106
POPULATION.....	14,715
NUMBER OF VOTERS.....	10,616
BURIAL PERMITS ISSUED.....	34

LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK 2004

<u>Dog Licenses</u>	Amount
Individual	1299
Kennel	17
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$10,846.00

<u>Hunting & Fishing Licenses</u>	
Individual Licenses	206
Massachusetts Waterfowl Stamps	30
Archery Stamps	48
Primitive Firearms Stamps	52

Amount Paid to Treasurer \$ 5,688.25

Beach Stickers

Amount Paid to Treasurer \$45,620.00

State Boat Ramp (Route 88)

Amount Paid to Treasurer \$ 8,925.00

Shellfish Permits

Commercial Shellfish	66
Commercial Student	1
Dredging Permits	1
Family Shellfish	467
Senior Citizen Shellfish	131
Non-Resident Shellfish	64
14-Day Shellfish	14
Duplicate Licenses	4
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$27,035.00

Scallop Permits

Commercial Scallop	1
Family Scallop	13
Senior Citizen Scallop	1
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 485.00

Miscellaneous Fees

Amount Paid to Treasurer \$18,831.10

AUCTIONEERS LICENSES 2004

FEE \$30.00

(License Expires One Year from Date of Issue)

	ISSUED
United Rug Auctioneers Inc.	01/15/04
50 Oliver Street, North Easton, MA	

Stephen Medeiros	05/06/04
920 Sodom Road, Westport, MA	

Robert E. Sowersby	05/24/04
92 Read Street, Fall River, MA	

GASOLINE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

FEE \$10.00

(Due: On or before April 30th) ISSUED 21

JUNK COLLECTORS LICENSES 2004

FEE \$25.00

(License Expires May 1, 2005)

	ISSUED
William C. White	03/31/04
Margaret F. Bothelo	04/21/04
Robert J. Desmarais	04/27/04
Excel Recycling LLC	04/28/04
Anthony Fragoza	05/10/04
Mid City Scrap Iron	05/14/04
Gerard Drapeau	05/20/04
Edward Pereira	05/24/04

RAFFLE-BAZAAR PERMITS 2004

FEE \$20.00
(License Expires One Year from Date of Issue)

	ISSUED
Westport Music Boosters Association	02/13/04
WESMAC/PTO	02/18/04
Westport River Watershed Alliance	05/18/04
Westport Animal Tenders	07/01/04
St. John the Baptist Church	07/21/04
Common Fence Music Co.	08/24/04
Westport Art Group, Inc.	09/13/04
Westport Federation of Teachers	09/15/04
St. George Church	10/18/04
Westport Girls Basketball League	10/28/04

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Gerald Coutinho
110C Pettey Lane

Armand Goyette
38 Tripp Drive

Leo Duquette
56 Monroe Street

Constance Desilets
283 Tickle Road

Byron Trefonides
15 Deacon Road

Selectwoman Elizabeth Collins and her grandchildren Christopher and Nicholas Collins
with the Red Sox 2004 World Series Championship Trophy

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

Board Composition

The April election placed former Selectman David P. Dionne in the seat vacated by Russell T. Hart who chose not to run for reelection. At this point, we would like to thank Russ for his dedication to the Town and for the vast knowledge he brought to our table. The Board elected Elizabeth A. Collins as the Chairperson and David P. Dionne as Board Clerk. Stewart Kirkaldy Steven J. Ouellette, and Richard Tongue continued to serve as Selectmen.

Personnel

In January, the Board chose not to reappoint Daryl I. Gonyon as Town Administrator and instead appointed Secretary Charlene R. Wood as Acting Town Administrator effective in February.

Upon her resignation, Mary Ellen Gomes was presented a citation in recognition of her eight years of service as Council on Aging Director. Susan Oliveira, was appointed as Interim Director in March and in June she was named the new director. Local Inspector Lynwood Comstock retired after serving nearly ten years in the Building Department. We then welcomed John McNally to this part-time position.

In August, the Board hosted the second "Employee Appreciation Day". It was a beautiful day and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. Our thanks to the police department for the use of their equipment and to all others who helped make the event a success.

Data Processing Coordinator, Keith Novo, began the long, complicated process of networking several Town buildings as well as providing Internet service to Town departments by putting out a request for proposals. Hopefully, the long-awaited project will be completed by the spring of 2005.

Financial Issues

Even though there was a slight increase in local aid, once again the Town was faced with

multiple issues with respect to balancing the budget. The longest-ever Annual Town Meeting (six nights) took place in June. Most budgets were level funded from the prior fiscal year despite the 2.5% increase in salaries. However, the capital exclusion questions voted upon at a special election held in July were all defeated with the exception of the \$275,000 pumper/tanker for the Fire Department. The defeat of the other questions left the Police Department short of three cruisers; the School Department was not funded to replace either the smoke/heat alarm system at the High School or the refrigerator/freezer needed at the Elementary School. The Highway Department was denied the ability to purchase a much-needed dump truck. We wish to thank the Finance Committee and department heads for the countless hours and effort put forth to present the Town with a balanced budget.

As a result of the long and tedious process of budgeting and the Annual Town Meeting, the Board instituted a policy to improve communications between Town boards and committees by bringing together major departments such as the Finance Committee, Planning Board, Board of Health, School Committee and the Board of Assessors. Joint meetings were held in June after the Town Meeting for debriefing, in October to discuss preparation for 2006 budgets and warrant articles, and another will be held in March of 2005 in preparation for the next Town Meeting. It is the hope that this effort will bring forth better coordination and preparation for the Town Meeting as well as being proactive with respect to Westport's problems and issues.

In April, the Town received \$31,308.89 toward reimbursement of the December 2003 snowstorm through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. The period covered was for forty-eight hours. Thank you Doug Allen, Highway Department Clerk, for a job well documented and for Mrs. Wood's assistance in helping to correlate and submit the information.

Grants

In July we were notified that the Town was awarded a Housing Rehabilitation Program grant in the amount of \$486,160 for an anticipated twenty projects. This grant program was awarded through the State's Department of Housing and Community Development. The grant award came just as our staff completed its 20th project from the previous award in 2001. Acting Town Administrator Charlene Wood administers the program with the capable assistance of Grant Assistant Nelia Williams and Clerk Maria Branco as well as Housing Rehabilitation Specialist, Robert Maltais and Grant Consultant Marilyn Whalley. It is very important to note that these DHCD projects count toward the Town's affordable housing units.

Just as most cities and towns in Bristol County, Westport received a most appreciated Homeland Security grant from the County Commissioners in the amount of \$95,800 in the first round and \$23,950 in the second round. These monies were used to purchase a 4 X 4 vehicle for the police department that could reach otherwise inaccessible areas, a chemical eye washout and other equipment. The Fire Department purchased personal protective equipment and other equipment and portable generators for their Special Operations Unit that can be used in a chemical attack or hazardous material spills. In the second round, the Fire Department purchased additional equipment such as air supply units and Level A hazardous materials suits. The Harbormaster and Emergency Management Director were able to purchase much-needed radio equipment and binoculars.

The Town was also awarded a grant from the Buzzards Bay Project in the amount of \$10,045 for the remediation of a collapsing culvert on River Road that is affecting herring passage and a Local Preparedness grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety in the amount of \$12,820 for the purchase and installation of surveillance equipment at the Town Dock and Police Department.

Miscellaneous Information

The Housing Partnership Committee has put forth much energy to address the need for affordable housing in Town. They, along with several other volunteers, were able to provide the Commonwealth with a Planned Production Plan and compiled a Housing Needs Study.

Another committee that spent a considerable amount of hours gathering information was the Water & Sewer Committee. An article was presented to the Town Meeting and was rejected to appropriate \$2.3 million for engineering services for plans and specifications for the development of water

and sewer systems. The committee continues to gather more information and input from the community to deal with the issue.

Thanks again to the Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Committee, the Community Preservation Committee and the Westport Land Trust; the Town has continued its efforts to add considerable open space to its inventory. The purchase of the Santos farm located on Route 177 was a tremendous boost. It is contemplated the property will be used for recreational purposes.

The Historical Commission saw a substantial change in its membership and an increase in the number of meetings held. They have also experienced a lot of opposition to some architectural proposals located within the Historic District.

In November, the Planning Board delivered its final Master Plan document as compiled through the efforts of the Master Plan Update Committee and several other volunteers, Town officials and employees, especially Planning Board Administrative Assistant, Gale Nigrelli. Many years of meetings and planning is contained within the Master Plan that addresses such issues as goals and policies; land use plan; housing; economic development natural and cultural resources; open space and recreation; services and facilities; circulation and resources. The committee was established in 1998.

The Board entered into a contract with Forever Paws of Fall River to board and care for the dogs that are under the custody of our Dog Officer Edward Carreiro. This arrangement has proven to be less costly and seems to be working out well.

In addition, Town Meeting voted to conduct a management study relative to the formation of our Town government. The study is being performed by Dr. Clyde Barrow from UMASS Dartmouth Center for Policy Analysis and should be completed in early 2005.

A tremendous effort was made to bring used car lots and repair facilities into compliance throughout the year. The Board took a tough stance with all that came before them and especially those who were in violation. As a result, a few licenses were revoked, suspended and/or amended.

The Historical Commission did an outstanding job with the assistance of Community Preservation funds of placing several historical markers throughout the Town. They are very impressive and an attractive reminder of how proud we are of our heritage. These markers were dedicated in memory of five historians: Richard Paull, Eleanor Tripp, Katherine Keith, Richard W. Wertz and Albert E. Lees, Jr. A plaque in their honor is resting at the entrance of the Town Hall.

A few of our saddest events were the loss of Al Lees, founder of Lees Supermarket and prominent businessman who dedicated his life to helping others, especially children, and gathering historic pictures involving the Town and significant residents. We also saw the closing of Fred and Ann's restaurant after thirty years and the unforgivable removing of unmarked headstones from an old graveyard located off of Charlotte White Road at the Hancock Farm.

However, 2004 was not all sad. The Patriots won the Super Bowl and after 86 long years the Red Sox won the World Series. Governor Romney announced that \$7 million would be set aside for Horseneck Beach improvements. In addition, the Town of Westport's residents should be most appreciative, as we are, to those volunteers who give up so much of their time to serve on the various committees, boards, and commissions such as those aforementioned. Without their help, Westport would not be what it is today.

In closing, we wish to again thank all our talented volunteers, Town officials, Town employees and our staff Charlene Wood, Denise Bouchard, Nelia Williams, Maria Branco, Principal Maintenance Specialist Glen Ballou and Custodian Ken Quicho.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Collins
Stewart Kirkaldy
Steven J. Ouellette
Richard M. Tongue
David P. Dionne
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



APPOINTMENTS 2004

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Charlene R. Wood	Acting Town Administrator	
Denise Bouchard	Confidential Clerk to the Board of Selectmen	
Charlene R. Wood	Parking Clerk	At Will
Thomas Hancock	Volunteer Parking Officer	6/30/2005
Jack DeVeuve	Volunteer Parking Officer	6/30/2005
Kopelman and Paige	Town Counsel	At Will
Walter Smith	Special Counsel	6/30/2005
Katherine Benoit	Town Accountant	6/30/2006
Glen Ballou	Principal Maintenance Specialist - Town Hall, Annex, Police Station	
Kenneth Quicho	Custodian Town Hall, Annex, Police Station	
Keith J. Novo	Data Processing Coordinator	
Michael C. McCarthy	Emergency Management Director	6/30/2006
Charlene R. Wood	Emergency Management Secretary	6/30/2006
David R. Palmer	Emergency Management - Public Relations	6/30/2005
Leonard Moniz	Emergency Management Radio Equipment Operator	6/30/2005
Michael Altshuler	Emergency Management Radio Equipment Operator	6/30/2005
Michael C. McCarthy	Energy Coordinator	6/30/2005
Linda L. Correia	Water Certifying Officer	6/30/2005
Edward Carreiro	Dog Officer	6/30/2006
Christopher B. Lord	Assistant Dog Officer	6/30/2004
Ronald E. Costa	Veterans Service Agent	6/30/2006
Ronald E. Costa	Graves Registration Officer	6/30/2006
Ronald E. Costa	Citizens for Citizens Representative	6/30/2005
Albert A. Palmer	Special Deputy Shellfish Warden	6/30/2005
Gary Sherman	Wharfinger	At Will
Dennis H. Thibault	Sealer of Weights & Measures	6/30/2006
Robert Maltais	Building Inspector	6/30/2005
John N. McNally	Part-Time Local Building Inspector	6/30/2005
Fred Hanack	Part-Time Building Inspector	6/30/2005
Robert Maltais	Housing Rehab Specialist	6/30/2005
William Plamondon	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/2005
Dane R. Winship	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/2005
Robert Labonte	Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2005
Robert Labonte	Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2005
Roger Olivier	Assistant Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2005
Roger Olivier	Assistant Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2005

MISCELLANEOUS POSITIONS AND/OR OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Charlene R. Wood	Chief Procurement Officer

Charlene R. Wood	Affirmative Action Officer
Charlene R. Wood	National Organization on Disability Representative
Denise Bouchard	Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator
Doris Silvia	Municipal Census Supervisor
Stephen A. Motta	Municipal Coordinator of the "Right to Know" Law
Gary Sherman	Oil Spill Coordinator
Richard M. Tongue	Mooring Assignment Committee
George Foster	Custodian of Tax Title Properties
John Andrade	E-911 Coordinator
Richard M. Tongue	Railroad Commissioner
Steven J. Ouellette	Westport River Watershed Council
David P. Dionne	SouthCoast emPOWERment Representative
Katherine Benoit	Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Representative
Stewart Kirkaldy	MBTA Growth Management Task Force
Charlene R. Wood	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act Coordinator

AGRICULTURAL/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COUNCIL (3 YEAR TERM)

Carlton A. Lees	6/30/2005	Claude Ledoux	6/30/2006
Susan B. Pedreira	6/30/2005	David Wallace	6/30/2007
Elizabeth Collins	6/30/2007	Jack Baughan	6/30/2007
George Foster	6/30/2005	Dudley Millikin	6/30/2006
Karl Santos	6/30/2006	Charles Costa (Alternate)	6/30/2005

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Nathan Byrnes	6/30/2005	Robert Kowalczyk	6/30/2005
Kathleen Cummings	6/30/2005	David P. Dionne	6/30/2005
Lucy G. Keefe	6/30/2005		

ARTS COUNCIL (2-3 YEAR TERMS)

Betty J. Spray	6/30/2006	James M. Howard	6/30/2005
Henry M. Swan	6/30/2006	Elaine Ostroff	6/30/2005
Carolyn J. Kaiser	6/30/2006	Carol Vidal	6/30/2006
James Reitzas	6/30/2006	George R. Cataldo	6/30/2005
Sharon Hanover	6/30/2005	Whitmore Boogaerts	6/30/2005

BEACH COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERM)

James A. Burns	Precinct A	6/30/2005
Jack DeVeuve	Precinct B	6/30/2007
J. Duncan Albert	Precinct C	6/30/2006
Wilfred St. Michael	Precinct D	6/30/2006
Robert E. Carroll	Precinct E	6/30/2007

BOARD OF APPEALS

5 Year Terms - Regulars

Clayton Harrison	6/30/2009
Christopher J. Graham	6/30/2008
Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2007
Kendal Tripp	6/30/2006
Donna L. Lambert	6/30/2005

1 Year Term - Associates

Barbara Hanley	6/30/2005
Margot desJardins	6/30/2005

BOARD OF SURVEY (1 YEAR TERM)

David Bernier (by Inspector of Buildings)
Fire Stephen A. Motta 6/30/2005
Fred Hanack 6/30/2005

BUZZARDS BAY ACTION COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Elizabeth Collins 6/30/2005
Stewart Kirkaldy (Alternate) 6/30/2005

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

George R. Cataldo	6/30/2005	Robert Rayno	6/30/2005
Leone F. Farias	6/30/2005	Paul D. Menzies	6/30/2005
Carlton Lees	6/30/2005	Grace G. Newcomer	6/30/2005
Paula F. Cummings	6/30/2005		

CAPITAL PLANNING IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

George Foster	6/30/2005	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/2005
Katherine Benoit	6/30/2005	John Baughan	6/30/2005
John McDermott	6/30/2005		

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Warren Messier	6/30/2006	Richard Lambert	6/30/2006
Elizabeth Collins	6/30/2005	Norma K. Judson	6/30/2006
Douglas O'Connor	6/30/2004	Timothy Gillespie	6/30/2007
William F. Wyatt	6/30/2007	Antone C. Vieira Jr.	6/30/2005
Charles A. Costa	6/30/2005		

CONSTABLES (1 YEAR TERM)

Daniel Sullivan	6/30/2005	Robert Bergeron	6/30/2005
Leo St. Onge	6/30/2005	Robert W. Young	6/30/2005

COUNCIL ON AGING (3 YEAR TERM)

Joanne R. Devlin	6/30/2007	Donald A. Maynard	6/30/2007
Cynthia J. Bolduc	6/30/2007	William Gifford	6/30/2006
Lois E. Spirlet	6/30/2005	Selena Howard	6/30/2005
Phyllis A. Currier	6/30/2005		

EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE (2 YEAR TERM)

Elizabeth Collins	6/30/2005	Veronica Beaulieu	6/30/2005
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Ann Boxler	6/30/2005	Linda Galton	6/30/2005
George Foster	6/30/2005		

WESTPORT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GREATER FALL RIVER EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE, REGION 7 (1 YEAR TERM)

Arthur Briggs 6/30/2005

(3) FENCE VIEWERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Paige Gibbs	6/30/2007
Armand Goyette	6/30/2007
Francois Napert III	6/30/2007

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

John Azevedo	6/30/2005	John W. Borden	6/30/2005
Edward B. Carey	6/30/2005	James Robeson	6/30/2005
Ann C. Rosinha	6/30/2005		

HARBORMASTER (3 YEAR TERM)

Richard B. Earle 6/30/2006

ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER (1 YEAR TERM)

Jonathan Paul	6/30/2005	Gary A. Tripp	6/30/2005
John R. Bevis	6/30/2005	James Perry	6/30/2005
Gregory N. Robb	6/30/2005	Richard Hart (Volunteer)	6/30/2005

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

Regular

Geraldine Millham	6/30/2007
Anne Baker	6/30/2007
William F. Wyatt	6/30/2006
Bette DeVeue	6/30/2006
Jane Loos	6/30/2006
Sharon L. Connors	6/30/2005
Dora Atwater Millikin	6/30/2005
Lincoln Tripp (Lifetime Honorary)	

Alternates

Norma Judson	6/30/2006
Barbara Koenitzer	6/30/2006
Michael S. Quinn	6/30/2007
Vacancy	
Vacancy	
Vacancy	
Vacancy	

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Jeff Bull	6/30/2005	John Montano	6/30/2005
Elizabeth Collins	6/30/2005	Brenda Burke	6/30/2005
Sarah Howard-McHugh	6/30/2005		

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Jack Sisson	6/30/2005	Michael C. McCarthy	6/30/2005
Richard Earle	6/30/2005	Stephen A. Motta	6/30/2005

Anne Phelps	6/30/2005	Keith A. Pelletier	6/30/2005
Brian Souza	6/30/2005	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/2005
Carl Tripp	6/30/2005	Ralph Urban	6/30/2005
Gary Sherman	6/30/2005	Michael Duarte	6/30/2005

MASTER PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE (NO EXPIRATION DATE)

David Aguiar	Deborah Barnes	Jack Baughan
Judy Beavan	Ann Boxler	Jeff Bull
Brenda Burke	Robert Carroll	George Cataldo
Ann Chandanais	Deanna Chase	Todd Cormier
Anthony Cucchi	David Dionne	Gregory Franchetti
Gay Gillespie	Timothy Gillespie	Michael Guilmette
David Wallace	William Syatt	Marsha Englund
Cathy Madsen	Selena Howard	Melissa Quinn
John Margarida	Ann Rosinha	Ingrid Davidge
Colin Boyle		

PERSONNEL BOARD (3 YEAR TERM)

Paul M. Stein	6/30/2006	Phyllis Michalewich	6/30/2005
Robert Bergeron	6/30/2005	Eileen Sheehan	6/30/2005
Klaus Nygard (Finance Committee Representative)			

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police

Keith A. Pelletier

Executive Officer

John R. Gifford

Administrative Assistant

Nancy A. Braga

Lieutenants

Paul E. Holden

Acting Lieutenants

John J. Bell

Sergeants

Jeffrey Majewski

Michael D. O'Connor
John P. Couto

Thomas Plourde
Antonio J. Cestodio

Regular Police Officers

Scott Arrington
David Arruda
Kristen R. Barboza
Gary L. Cambra
Mario DaCunha
Christopher Dunn
Gary M. Foley
Bryan C. McCarthy

Francois Napert III
Ryan Nickelson
Todd Oliver
Marshall A. Ronco
Michael R. Roussel
Michael Silvia
David Simcoe
Daniel Sullivan

Christopher Mello

Robert Thatcher

E-911 Dispatchers

Jennifer Mahaney Scott
Stacy Rose

David M. Leite
Conrad LaFontaine

Reserve Police Officers

Mark Andrade
Barry F. Beaulieu
David E. Bellavance
Ernest Belliveau
Eugene J. Benevides
Chris M. Briand
Eric Bush
Kristine M. Carreiro
Ernest Chretien
Steven M. Clohecyc
Edmund A. Correia Jr.
Maurice E. Dore
Paul Douglas
Thomas Garrity
Stephen D. Kovar

Conrad J. LaFontaine
David M. Leite
Thomas H. Lemieux
Elizabeth A. Medeiros
Keith J. Novo
Brent M. Pereira
John R. Pereira
Richard Rodrigues
Mark C. Rosinha
Brian Souza
William N. Travers
Michael Troia
Eric J. Vanasse
Jason R. Vital

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Elizabeth A. Collins	6/30/2005	Richard M. Tongue (Alt.)	6/30/2005
Stephen A. Motta	6/30/2005	Brian Legendre (Alt.)	6/30/2005
Keith A. Pelletier	6/30/2005	John R. Gifford (Alt.)	6/30/2005
Michael McCarthy	6/30/2005		
Carlton A. Lees	6/30/2005		
Jack DeVeuve	6/30/2005		
Warren M. Messier	6/30/2005		

PUBLIC WEIGHER (1 YEAR TERM)

Jason Fonseca	at 548 State Road	6/30/2005
Kenneth Kehoe	at 548 State Road	6/30/2005
Herman Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/2005
Louis Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/2005
Mark Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/2005
Jason Dessert	at 536 Old County Road	6/30/2005
Katherine Lena	at 536 Old County Road	6/30/2005
Edward Pereira	at 443 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2005
Katie Pereira	at 443 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2005
David Machado	at 443 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2005
Marty Costa	at 443 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2005
Richard Moniz	at 37 Charlotte White Road	6/30/2005
Thaddeus Moniz	at 37 Charlotte White Road	6/30/2005

RECREATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

George R. Cataldo	6/30/2007	Steven J. Ouellette	6/30/2007
Richard M. Tongue	6/30/2007	Marjorie A. Lombardi	6/30/2007
Garth Patterson	6/30/2007	Robert W. Young, Jr. (Alt.)	6/30/2007

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Democrats

Marlene Samson	4/1/2005
Robert St. Amour	4/1/2006

Republican

Jean Louis Clapin	4/1/2007
Geraldine Craveiro	4/1/2005

RIVER DREDGING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Carl Tripp	6/30/2005	Richard Earle	6/30/2005
Edward Carey	6/30/2005	Richard M. Tongue	6/30/2005
Chuck Goldberg	6/30/2005	Russell Hart	6/30/2005
Gary Sherman	6/30/2005	John Reynolds	6/30/2005
Historical Comm. Vacancy	6/30/2005		

ROUTE 6 ADVISORY/TASK FORCE (2 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette	6/30/2005	Michael J. Rodrigues	6/30/2005
Keith Pelletier	6/30/2005	Harold J. Sisson	6/30/2005
Kevin Rioux	6/30/2005	Brian Souza	6/30/2005
Normand E. Ouellette	6/30/2005	Jeffrey Majewski	6/30/2005
Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2005		

SAFETY REGULATION BOARD (1 YEAR TERM)

(Art. 30 - Section 1, 1978)

Stewart Kirkaldy, Selectmen's Representative 6/30/2005
Harold J. Sisson, Highway Surveyor 6/30/2005
Paige Gibbs, Fence Viewer 6/30/2005

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Michael Duarte	6/30/2005	William Gifford	6/30/2005
Sally Huntington	6/30/2005	J. Duncan Albert	6/30/2005
Linda Galton	6/30/2005	Terry M. Moor	6/30/2005
Richard M. Tongue	6/30/2005	Kenneth R. Jones	6/30/2005
Vacancy	6/30/2005	Vacancy	6/30/2005

SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

James S. Coughlan Jr.	6/30/2005	Alexander Smith	6/30/2005
Richard Hart	6/30/2005	Richard Korwicky	6/30/2005
George Smith	6/30/2005		

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE (3 YEAR TERM)

Gary Sherman 6/30/2007

DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLE (3 YEAR TERM)

Robert W. Pierce	6/30/2005	Thomas Mello	6/30/2006
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Diane Baraby	6/30/2006	Mike Andrade	6/30/2006
Alexander L. Brewster	6/30/2007	Timothy Field	6/30/2007
Jeffrey Francoeur	6/30/2007	Eric M. Hickey	6/30/2007
Paul Macomber	6/30/2007	Andrew Sherman	6/30/2007
Scott J. Soares	6/30/2007	John Doherty	Honorary
Daniel P. Sullivan	Honorary		

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD/CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

Susan Burke Pedreira	6/30/2006	Tanja E. Ryden	6/30/2006
Richard Lambert	6/30/2006	Thomas McGarr	6/30/2005
John Reynolds	6/30/2005	Paul R. Hebert	6/30/2007
Edmund A. Rooney Jr.	6/30/2007	Anne Phelps, Agent	

SRPEDD & SRTA (1 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette	SRPEDD - Selectmen's Representative
Wayne Sunderland	SRPEDD - Planning Board Representative
Susan Oliveira	SRTA - Selectmen's Representative
Jack Sisson	Joint Transportation Planning Group
Clint Boulds (Alternate)	Joint Transportation Planning Group
Richard M. Tongue	Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Edward Rooney	6/30/2005	John Montano	
6/30/2005			
Harold J. Sisson	6/30/2005	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/2005
Ralph Urban	6/30/2005		

TOWN BEACH LIFEGUARDS

Summer 2004

Gustin N. Cariglia	Head Lifeguard
Jonathan Pacheco	Full-Time Lifeguard
Amy L. Pineau	Full-Time Lifeguard
Jason Proulx	Full-Time Lifeguard
Jenna St. Martin	Part-Time Lifeguard
Kayla S. Gillespie	Part-Time Lifeguard

TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Terry M. Moor	6/30/2005	William Gifford	6/30/2005
Kenneth R. Jones	6/30/2005	Vacancy	
Vacancy			

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE

Kenneth DeCosta	6/30/2005	Elizabeth Collins	6/30/2005
Bruce E. Fernandes	6/30/2005	Sean M. Leach	6/30/2005
Perry C. Long	6/30/2005	Maurice E. May	6/30/2005
Paul Pinault	6/30/2005	Beverly Kut	6/30/2005
Cathy Ann Viveiros	6/30/2005		

WESTPORT AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

3 Year Terms - Regulars

Edward Ferreira	6/30/2006
Rob Russell	6/30/2007
Shirley D'Agostinho Robbins	6/30/2007
Karl Santos	6/30/2006
Jay Tripp	6/30/2006
John Bettencourt	6/30/2005
John Jay Silvia	6/30/2005

1 Year Term - Alternates

Phyllis Michalewich	6/30/2005
Ronald Potter	6/30/2005
James Wood	6/30/2005
Jerome Sampson	6/30/2005
Sandra A. Porter	6/30/2005

WESTPORT CITIZENS BETTERMENT COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Shirley Desrosiers	6/30/2005	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/2005
Claude Ledoux	6/30/2005	Lena Napert	6/30/2005
Marguerite Plamondon	6/30/2005		

WESTPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (1 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette	6/30/2005	Richard M. Tongue	6/30/2005
Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2005	Michael Rodrigues	6/30/2005
Joan Menard	6/30/2005	Philip Hudner	6/30/2005
Antone Vieira, Jr.	6/30/2005	John B. Cummings, Jr.	6/30/2005

BONDS

Town Treasurer	\$150,000.00
Tax Collector	\$150,000.00
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000.00

TRAILER PERMITS

Issued 101 (\$60.00 ea.)

HIX BRIDGE PERMITS

Issued 276 (\$5.00 ea.)

SUNDAY LICENSES

Issued 20 (\$10.00 ea.)

Sales of Frozen Desserts, Ice Cream Mix
Confectionery Soda Water or Fruit on the Lord's Day

COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES

Issued 34 (\$50.00 ea.)

TOTAL COLLECTED

(Fees & Miscellaneous)
\$80,493.44

2004 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES

CLASS I

Big Boar Harley-Davidson, Inc.
Coach Light RV Restoration
Lady J Ranch

1030 State Road
131 Old Bedford Road
19 Alberto Drive

CLASS II

Advanced Motors Sales & Service
A.J. Turner
Amaral Bus/Truck Sales & Service
Auto Mart
AutoPlus Motorcars
Auto Victoria
Beaulieu's Garage
Bernard Auto Sales, Inc.
C & D Automotive Repair & Sales
Caraballo Auto Sales & Repair
Carvalho's Bargain Motors, Inc.
Chris' Auto Center
Consumer's Auto Sales
Dan's Auto Sales
Deke's Auto Sales
Distinctive Autobody, Refinishing & Sales, Ltd.
Drift Road Auto Sales
F & R Auto Sales, Inc.
Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales
Ferreira's Auto Sales & Marine Annex
Ferrine's Sales & Service
Frank E. Brayton, Jr. Auto Sales & Service
Frank E. Brayton, Jr. Auto Sales & Service, Inc. Annex
G & S Used Auto Sales
Glenwood Auto Sales
Greenwood Park Motors
G. Souza's Hillside Motors
Hart Auto Sales
Highland Auto & Truck Sales
High Tech Auto Sales & Service
Goldstein's Farm Equipment
Hometown Motors
Jack & Paul's Used Cars
J & J Used Auto Sales & Service, Inc.
J.B.S. Towing Services Corp.
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.
Katie's Auto & Truck Sales
Leclairs Auto Sales
Marc's Motors
Mays Auto Sales
Bass Inc. d/b/a Mike's Auto
Nu-Way Auto Sales
177 Auto & Truck Sales
Patriot Auto Center Inc.
Pine Hill Auto Repair Inc.
Pond View Auto Sales
Prestige Auto Mart Inc.
Quality Auto Sales
R & J Auto Sales
R & R Auto Body & Sales
RJM Motors

735 State Road
1052 State Road
1090 State Road
851B State Road
729 State Road
648 State Road
497 Sanford Road
280 State Road
276A State Road
851A State Road
935 State Road
1016B State Road
10 Sanford Road
559 State Road
128 Old Bedford Road
1121 State Road
541 Drift Road
585 State Road
91 Forge Road
1115 State Road
914 State Road
626 Adamsville Road
685 Main Road
924 State Road
10 Glenwood Avenue
25 Arlington Avenue
1175 State Road
431A Main Road
560 Highland Avenue
956 State Road
287 Gifford Road
620 Sanford Road
758 State Road
972 State Road
505 State Road
660 Main Road
660A Main Road
449 American Legion Highway
702 State Road
683E American Legion Highway
1016A State Road
983 State Road
837 State Road
1114 American Legion Highway
337 American Legion Highway
929 Pine Hill Road
25 Borden Street
1018A State Road
835 State Road
800G American Legion Highway
800A American Legion Highway
718 State Road

Souza's Garage
 State Road Auto Sales, Inc.
 State Road Motors, Inc.
 Tech Auto World
 Thad's Auto Sales
 3D Auto Sales Inc.
 Union Avenue Auto Sales
 Val's Auto Sales
 Venture Ltd.
 Westport Auto & RV Center

308 Sanford Road
 327 State Road
 712 State Road
 237B State Road
 37 Charlotte White Road
 575 State Road
 8 Union Avenue
 757 State Road
 1175B State Road
 1058 State Road

CLASS III

Lantic Salvage
 Mid-City Scrap Iron, Inc.
 Richie's Auto Parts
 Robert J. Desmarais
 Thad's Auto Salvage, Inc.
 Westport Auto Recycling

58 Charlotte White Road
 548 State Road
 851I State Road
 560 Highland Avenue
 37 Charlotte White Road
 443 American Legion Highway

CLASS IV

GARAGE & SERVICE STATION REPAIR LICENSES

Adamsville Diesel & Hydraulics
 Adamsville Garage
 Advanced Motors Sales & Service
 Amaral Bus/Truck Sales & Service
 Arel's tune Up & Trouble Shooting
 Auto Mart
 Auto Tech
 Beaulieu's Garage
 Big Boar Harley-Davidson, Inc.
 Caraballo Auto Sales & Repair
 Carvalho's Bargain Motors, Inc.
 C & D Automotive Repair
 Chris' Auto Center
 Deke's Auto Sales
 Distinctive Auto Body & Refinishing
 East Coast RV & Auto Repair
 Eddy's Repair Shop
 Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales
 Ferrine's Sales & Service
 Five Star Collision Inc.
 Four Square Garage
 Frank Bowman's Auto Repair
 Gary's Auto Service
 Genie Auto Repair
 Glenwood Auto Detailing
 G. Souza's Hillside Motors
 Hart Auto Body
 Head Small Engine Repair
 Henry's Diesel Performance Plus Inc.
 High Tech Auto Sales & Service
 Jack & Paul's Used Cars
 J & J Used Car Sales & Service
 J.B.S. Towing Services
 Joal's Garage
 Joe's Auto Repair
 John Mooney's Auto Service

500 Adamsville Road
 626 Adamsville Road
 735 State Road
 1090 State Road
 615 State Road
 851B State Road
 443 American Legion Highway
 497 Sanford Road
 1030 State Road
 851A State Road
 935 State Road
 276A State Road
 1016B State Road
 128 Old Bedford Road
 12 Union Avenue
 131 Old Bedford Road
 25 Elmwood Avenue
 91 Forge Road
 914 State Road
 683A American Legion Highway
 618 Sanford Road
 137 Forge Road
 500 Adamsville Road
 800E American Legion Highway
 10 Glenwood Avenue
 1175 State Road
 51 Cross Road
 493 Old County Road
 867 State Road
 956 State Road
 758 State Road
 972 State Road
 505 State Road
 500 Adamsville Road
 468 American Legion Highway
 541 Drift Road

John Soares Village Garage, Inc.
 J.R.'s Precision Auto Body and Sales
 J's Repair Garage
 Macomber's Garage
 Martin's Repair Shop
 Mendes Auto Repair
 Norwest Holdings Inc.
 Nu-Way Auto Repair
 Pine Hill Auto Repair Inc.
 Prestige Auto Mart Inc.
 R & R Auto Body & Sales
 Ray's Repair
 Richie's Auto Repair
 Rt. 6 Gas
 State Road Auto Sales, Inc.
 T.C. Used Cars & Repairs
 Thad's Auto Salvage & Service
 Unlimited Sales & Service
 Westport Auto Clinic
 Westport Tire Center
 Wilfrid's Garage, Inc.

660 Main Road
 729 State Road
 140 Old Bedford Road
 1523 Drift Road
 112 Sanford Road
 130 Plymouth Boulevard
 175 State Road
 837A State Road
 929 Pine Hill Road
 1018A State Road
 800A American Legion Highway
 50 Faulkner Street
 851F & G State Road
 162 State Road
 327 State Road
 648 State Road
 37 Charlotte White Road
 337 American Legion Highway
 422 Sanford Road
 718 State Road
 427 Main Road

STORAGE YARD LICENSE

Richie's Affordable Storage

851I State Road



2004 LIQUOR LICENSES

PACKAGE GOODS STORE – ALL ALCOHOLIC

Briere's, Inc.
 Albert E. Lees, Inc. d/b/a Lees Supermarket
 State Road Package Store
 Watuppa Package Store, Inc.
 Westport Market, Inc.
 Westport Wine & Spirits

233 Sanford Road
 796-800 Main Road
 787 State Road
 151 State Road
 291 American Legion Highway
 655 State Road

PACKAGE GOODS STORE – WINES AND MALT

Harry's Country Store Inc.
 J. Inc. d/b/a Westport Mini Mart
 Olde Westport Trading Post

646 American Legion Highway
 1239-1241 State Road
 1031R Main Road

RESTAURANT - ALL ALCOHOLIC

Badkitty Inc. d/b/a The Back Eddy
 The Bayside Restaurant
 Bittersweet Restaurant Inc.
 Food First, Inc. d/b/ac Ellie's Place

1 Bridge Road
 1253 Horseneck Road
 438-440 Main Road
 1403 Main Road

Fred and Ann's Restaurant, Inc
P. & G. Bowling W., Inc. d/b/a Holiday Lanes
House of Chu, Inc. d/b/a Oriental Pearl
P.D. Foods, Inc. d/b/a Portas da Cidade
Westport Club, Inc.
Lafrance Brothers, Inc. d/b/a White's Restaurant

977 Main Road
236 State Road
576 State Road
235 State Road
904 Main Road
66 State Road

RESTAURANT - WINES AND MALT

Kozy Nook
Marguerite's Restaurant
Mediterranean Café & Pizzeria

655 State Road
778 Main Road
549 American Legion Highway

RESTAURANT (COMMERCIAL CLUB) ALL ALCOHOLIC

Holy Ghost Club, Inc.
W.A. & R. Ouellette Post #8502

171 Sodom Road
843 State Road

SEASONAL MISCELLANEOUS

Acoaxet Club, Inc.
Acoaxet Club, Inc. d/b/a The Pro Shop
Village Pizza

152 Howland Road
152 Howland Road
760 Main Road

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF WESTPORT, MASSACHUSETTS TOWN WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport who are qualified to vote in primaries to vote at the following places:

PRECINCT A	AMERICAN LEGION HALL	489 SANFORD ROAD
PRECINCT B	TOWN HALL ANNEX	856 MAIN ROAD
PRECINCT C	ALICE A. MACOMBER SCHOOL	154 GIFFORD ROAD
PRECINCT D	FIRE STATION	85 BRIGGS ROAD
PRECINCT E	WESTPORT HIGH SCHOOL	19 MAIN ROAD

On TUESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF MARCH, 2004 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes to the Primary Officers for the election of candidates of political parties for the following office:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE...FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
DISTRICT MEMBERS OF STATE COMMITTEE (one man and one woman)
for each Political Party for the First Bristol Senatorial District.

30 Members of the Democratic Town Committee
35 Members of the Republican Town Committee

- 0 Members of the Libertarian Town Committee
- 0 Members of the Green-Rainbow Town Committee

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of February 2004.

Steven J. Ouellette
 Russell T. Hart
 Stewart Kirkaldy
 Elizabeth A. Collins
 Richard Tongue
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson
 Town Clerk
 Westport, MA 02790
 February 24, 2004

I this 24th day of February 2004, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station
 State Road Package Store
 Senior Center
 Central Village Fire Station
 Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety
 Town Hall

Daniel P. Sullivan
 Constable of Westport

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY March 2, 2004

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result from the five precincts, as certified by the precinct officers being as follows:

DEMOCRATIC

Presidential Preference

Richard Gebhardt had four	4	
Joseph Lieberman had eight	8	
Wesley K. Clark had twelve	12	
Howard Dean had twenty-three		23
Carol Moseley Braun had three		3
John Edwards had one hundred seventy	170	
Dennis J. Kucinich had twenty-nine	29	
John F. Kerry had one thousand one hundred forty-eight		1148
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. had three	3	

Al Sharpton had two	2	
No Preference, twelve	12	
Blanks, ten	10	
<u>State Committee Man</u>		
Ronald J. Cabral, Sr. had eight hundred ninety-eight	898	
Blanks, five hundred twenty-six	526	
<u>State Committee Woman</u>		
Ida Cabral had nine hundred fifteen	915	
Blanks, five hundred nine	509	
<u>Town Committee</u>		
Group, four hundred thirty-four	434	
Elizabeth A. Collins had seven hundred twenty		720
Paul R. Jennings had five hundred thirty		530
Edmund Medeiros had five hundred forty-eight	548	
Grace G. Newcomer had five hundred seventeen	517	
George R. Cataldo had five hundred forty-five	545	
Perry C. Long had five hundred forty-two	542	
Michael J. Rodrigues had nine hundred thirty-eight	938	
Sandra Reynolds had four hundred ninety-seven	497	
Paul M. Stein had four hundred ninety-one	491	
Margot desJardins had six hundred forty-two	642	
Joan V. Fuller had five hundred seventy-six	576	
Emil A. Fuller had five hundred fifty-one		551
Paula L. Smith had five hundred seventeen	517	
Marlene Pelletier had five hundred forty-nine	549	
Barbara A. Lambert had five hundred fifty-one	551	
Ora M. Caya had four hundred ninety-three	493	
John P. Long had five hundred eighty-two	582	
Charles A. Costa had six hundred seventeen	617	
Rosella S. Howe had five hundred eleven	511	
David M. Stahley had four hundred sixty-six	466	
Marilyn J. Rodrigues had six hundred five	605	
Sally Huntington had five hundred sixty-eight	568	
Brenda J. Burke had five hundred sixty-four	564	
Margaret Douglas McCarter had five hundred two	502	
John F. Dolan, Jr. and five hundred fifty-four	554	
Cynthia Burns had four hundred eighty-nine	489	
Jeffrey Burns had four hundred eighty-seven	487	
Eileen Wheeler Sheehan had five hundred forty-one	541	
Cynthia Rodrigues had five hundred seventy-four	574	
John R. Pereira had five hundred sixty-one	561	
Blanks, twenty-five thousand eight hundred ninety-two	25,892	

REPUBLICAN

<u>Presidential Preference</u>		
George W. Bush had ninety	90	
No Preference, sixteen		16
Blanks, seven	7	
<u>State Committee Man</u>		
Randal P. Cabral (write-in) had four	4	
Thomas Mason (write-in) had six	6	
Blanks, one hundred three	103	
<u>State Committee Woman</u>		

Blanks, one hundred thirteen	113	
<u>Town Committee</u>		
Group (sticker/write-ins) seventeen	17	
Brad Brightman had one	1	
Clifford Brightman had one	1	
Martha Brightman had one	1	
Anne Brown had zero	0	
Jean Louis Clapin had one	1	
Pauline Clapin had zero		0
Geraldine Craveiro had zero	0	
Nancy Dawson had zero	0	
Richard Desjardins had one	1	
Sarah Desjardins had one	1	
Russell Hart had three	3	
Marjorie Holden had zero	0	
Samuel Jonsson had zero	0	
Carlton Lees had zero	0	
Normand Ouellette had zero	0	
John Poulton had one	1	
Kimberly Poulton had one	1	
Daniel Sheridan had zero	0	
Joyce Sheridan had zero	0	
John Tunney had zero	0	
James Walsh Jr. had zero	0	
Gregory Jonsson had zero	0	
Blanks, three thousand nine hundred twenty-seven	3927	

LIBERTARIAN

<u>Presidential Preference</u>		
Jeffrey Diket had zero	0	
Ruben Perez had zero	0	
Aaron Russo had zero	0	
Michael Badnarik had zero	0	
Gary Nolan had zero	0	
No Preference, zero	0	
<u>State Committee Man</u>		
Blanks, zero	0	
<u>State Committee Woman</u>		
Blanks, zero	0	
<u>Town Committee</u>		
Blanks, zero	0	

GREEN-RAINBOW

<u>Presidential Preference</u>		
Kent Mesplay had had zero	0	
Lorna Salzman had one		1
Paul Glover had zero	0	
David Cobb had one	1	
No Preference, zero	0	
Blanks, zero	0	

State Committee Man

Blanks, two

2

State Committee Woman

Blanks, two

2

Town Committee

Blanks, two

2

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 6, 2004**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	AMERICAN LEGION HALL	489 SANFORD ROAD
PRECINCT B	TOWN HALL ANNEX	856 MAIN ROAD
PRECINCT C	ALICE A. MACOMBER SCHOOL	154 GIFFORD ROAD
PRECINCT D	FIRE STATION	85 BRIGGS ROAD
PRECINCT E	WESTPORT HIGH SCHOOL	19 MAIN ROAD

On Tuesday, the 6th day of April next, it being the first Tuesday of the month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to choose the following Offices, viz: One Selectman, One Moderator, One Assessor, One Board of Health Member, Two School Committee Members, One Fish Commissioner, Two Trustees of the Free Public Library, One Landing Commissioner and One Commissioner of Trust Funds, each for three year terms; One Housing Authority and One Planning Board Member each for five year terms; One School Committee member and One Highway Surveyor each for a one year unexpired term and One Commissioner of Trust Funds for a two year unexpired term.

The polls will be open for balloting for the officers, or any questions contained on the official ballot at 10:00 a.m. and shall be closed at 8:00 p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more attested copies thereof in as many public places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this 1st day of March in the year two thousand four.

Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman
Russell T. Hart
Stewart Kirkaldy
Elizabeth A. Collins
Richard M. Tongue
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson

Town Clerk
Westport, MA 02790
February 24, 2004

I this 8th day of March 20024, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station
State Road Package Store
Senior Center
Central Village Fire Station
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety
Town Hall

Daniel P. Sullivan
Constable of Westport

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION Westport, Mass. APRIL 6, 2004

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result of the balloting from the five precincts as certified by the Precinct Officers, being as follows:

			<u>Oath</u>
<u>Selectman - Three Years</u>			
Robert Bergeron had two hundred fifty-seven	257		
George R. Cataldo had two hundred ten		210	
David P. Dionne had one thousand five hundred twenty-nine	1529		4/7/04
Wayne A. Sunderland had five hundred sixteen		516	
Cathy Ann Viveiros had nine hundred thirty-seven	937		
Blanks, eighty-five	85		
<u>Moderator - Three Years</u>			
Brad C. Brightman had one thousand six hundred fifty-five	1655		
Steven W. Fors had one thousand six hundred ninety-eight	1698		4/15/04
Blanks, one hundred eighty-one		181	
<u>Assessor - Three Years</u>			
Stephen J. Medeiros had two thousand four hundred eighty-two		2482	
4/8/04			
Blanks, one thousand fifty-two	1052		
<u>Board Of Health - Three Years</u>			
Sean M. Leach had two thousand four hundred eighty-three	2483		4/20/04
Blanks, one thousand fifty-one	1051		
<u>School Committee - Three Years</u>			
Paul D. Menzies had one thousand nine hundred sixty		1960	
4/7/04			
Julia M. Bernert had one thousand seven hundred thirty		1730	
4/13/04			
Blanks, three thousand three hundred seventy-eight	3378		

School Committee - One Year Unexpired Term

Thomas Perkins had two thousand ninety-seven	2097	
4/12/04		
Blanks, one thousand four hundred thirty-seven	1437	

Highway Surveyor - One Year Unexpired Term

Quentin Lord had five hundred seven	507	
Shawn U. Pariseau had one thousand two hundred six		1206
Harold Jack Sisson Jr. had one thousand six hundred ninety-four	1694	4/6/04
Blanks, one hundred twenty-seven	127	

Fish Commissioner - Three Years

Daniel P. Sullivan had two thousand three hundred sixty	2360	
4/14/04		
Blanks, one thousand one hundred seventy-four	1174	

Trustees Of Free Public Library - Three Years

Deborah J. Lee had two thousand ninety-one	2091	4/12/04
Marjorie T. Sandborg had one thousand six hundred twelve	1612	4/15/04
Blanks, three thousand three hundred sixty-five	3365	

Landing Commissioner - Three Years

Stafford W. Hart had two thousand three hundred ninety-one	2391	4/20/04
Blanks, one thousand one hundred forty-three	1143	

Housing Authority - Five Years

Sarah Howard-McHugh had two thousand two hundred twenty-nine	2229	4/12/04
Blanks, one thousand three hundred five	1305	

Planning Board - Five Years

Gregory T. Franchetti had two thousand one hundred fifty-five	2155	4/12/04
Blanks, one thousand three hundred seventy-nine	1379	

Board Of Commissioners Of Trust Funds - Three Years

Ronald E. Costa had two thousand two hundred twenty-six	2226	4/7/04
Blanks, one thousand three hundred eight	1308	

Board Of Commissioners Of Trust Funds - Two Year Unexpired Term

John R. Gifford had two thousand four hundred ninety-one	2491	5/7/04
Blanks, one thousand forty-three	1043	

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WESTPORT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 8, 2004**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the constables of the Town of Westport in said County: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble at the Westport High School on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Agreeable to the warrant calling said meeting, the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the Westport High School on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Representative Michael Rodrigues, Ben Prentice and Colin Boyle to act as tellers and they were duly sworn before the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting in accordance with a by-law adopted under Article 45 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1963.

Selectmen Chairman, Elizabeth Collins asked Finance Committee Chairman, Chester Adams and Finance Committee member Veronica Beaulieu to step forward as she presented each with a citation for their years of service to the Town of Westport.

Voted: (Unanimously) that we advance the eleven articles of the consent calendar (Articles 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47) and that these articles be adopted as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from other available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to be used in conjunction with, and/or in addition to any funds allocated by the Commonwealth and/or County for the engineering services, construction, reconstruction, and/or improvements of Town roads, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from within existing appropriations a sum of \$20,000 to be used for the engineering services, repair, resurfacing, reconstruction, drainage, and maintenance of Town roads, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Voted: (Unanimously) from Taxation.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year the mosquito control work as estimated and certified by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Acts of 1931 and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously) from Taxation.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$770.00 to contract for environmental services directly related to Buzzards Bay, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously) from Taxation.

Article 42

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2005, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from health care promotion, recreational and social programs for seniors, except for receipts from the social day care program, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$30,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 43

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2005, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from the Social Day Care Program, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$60,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 44

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2005, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from income-generating activities, except receipts from health care promotion, recreational and social programs, transportation activities, and the social day care program which are the source of receipts for other revolving funds, to support the Westport Senior Center from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$10,000, for building operating/maintenance expenses, excluding salaries and wages of all full-time and part-time employees who are employed at said Senior Center, may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 45

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2005, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from transportation for seniors, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$20,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 46

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2005, a revolving fund for the Westport Fire Department into which will be paid all receipts from Ambulance Fees, from which costs not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of an ambulance, ambulance equipment and/or any incurred ambulance-related expense, not to include salaries, which may be expended without further appropriation by the Fire Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 47

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2005, a revolving fund for the Westport Cable Advisory Committee into which will be paid receipts from the additional License Fee, from which costs not to exceed \$100,000.00 for cable services, equipment and/or supplies may be expended without further appropriation by the Cable Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to reduce taxation certain sums of money from various articles approved by Town Meeting, when there is a balance remaining that is no longer required to accomplish the purpose for which the articles were originally passed, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously) \$5,000. from the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation. (Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting - Library Roof Repair)

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected Town Officers, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Moderator	\$	682	
Selectmen - Chairman		6,279	
Board Members (4)			24,712
Assessors - Board Members (3)			14,831
Board of Health - Members (3)		6,487	
Highway Surveyor		60,857	
Tax Collector		51,200	
Town Clerk		51,200	
Treasurer		51,200	
Total		\$267,448	

Voted: (Unanimously)

Voted: (Unanimously) to dispense with the reading of the warrant and the Constables return of the warrant.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2005, a revolving fund for the electrical, plumbing and gas inspectors

into which will be paid all receipts from fees and fines paid for electrical, plumbing and gas permits, from which costs not to exceed \$40,000.00 for inspections performed, mileage, schooling, supplies, part-time clerical wages and other miscellaneous expenses may be expended without further appropriation by the Electrical, Plumbing and Gas departments. A start-up fund of \$9,176 is to be established for the first year, and/or take

any other action relative thereto.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Voted: (Unanimously)

Voted: (Unanimously) to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 7:58 p.m. and open the Special Town Meeting.

TOWN OF WESTPORT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS JUNE 8, 2004

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said County: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble at the Westport High School on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at 8:00 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Voted: (Unanimously) to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items within the current appropriations such sums of money necessary to supplement the budgets of various departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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FROM	TO	AMOUNT
=====		
Highway Personal Services	Highway Expenses	\$11,600
Veterans Encumbered Funds	Veterans Benefits	1,175
Data Processing Personal Services	Data Processing Expenses	4,500
Town Hall Personal Services	Town Hall Expenses	1,500
Selectmen Personal Services	Selectmen Expenses	7,500
Civil Defense Personal Services	Civil Defense Expenses	
800		
Receipts Reserve/Insurance	Police Expenses	23,886

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Kopelman & Paige	\$2,938.00
Postmaster	<u>150.00</u>
	\$3,088.00

Voted: (Unanimously) from Free Cash.

Voted: (Unanimously) to adjourn and dissolve the Special Town Meeting and reconvene the Annual Town Meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this 17th day of May in the year two thousand four.

Elizabeth A. Collins, Chair
Stewart Kirkaldy
Steven J. Ouellette
Richard M. Tongue
David P. Dionne
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson
Town Clerk
Westport, MA 02790

I this 20th day of May 2004, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station
State Road Package Store
Senior Center
Central Village Fire Station
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety
Town Hall

Daniel P. Sullivan
Constable of Westport

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money considered necessary to defray the Town's expenses for a twelve month period beginning July 1, 2004 and appropriate the same to several departments and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Accountant

Salaries	81,884
Expenses	<u>12,097</u>
	93,981

Appeals

Salaries	3,584
Expenses	<u>2,825</u>
	6,409

Assessors

Salaries	123,935
Expenses	<u>3,402</u>
	127,337

<u>Board of Health</u>	Salaries	174,106	
	Expenses	<u>11,220</u>	
		185,326	
<u>Building</u>	Salaries	93,821	
	Expenses	<u>6,432</u>	
		100,253	
<u>Cemetery</u>	Salaries	111,193	
	Expenses	<u>7,043</u>	
		118,236	
<u>Collector</u>	Salaries	99,308	
	Expenses	<u>16,555</u>	
		115,863	
<u>Conservation</u>	Salaries		62,400
	Expenses	<u>4,588</u>	
		66,988	
<u>Council on Aging</u>	Salaries	91,913	
	Expenses	<u>13,700</u>	
		105,613	
<u>Data Processing</u>	Salaries	8,500	
	Expenses	<u>42,400</u>	
		50,900	
<u>Dog Officer</u>	Salaries	23,114	
	Expenses	<u>5,263</u>	
		28,377	
<u>Elections & Registrations</u>	Salaries	41,920	
	Expenses	<u>19,693</u>	
		61,613	
<u>Emergency Management</u>	Salaries	2,564	
	Expenses	<u>1,500</u>	
		4,064	

Employees Benefits

Health Insurance	1,700,000
Life Insurance	5,000
FICA/Medicare	150,000
Unemployment	35,000
Workers' Comp	<u>110,394</u>
	2,000,394

Finance Committee

Salaries		1,055
Expenses	<u>2,200</u>	
	3,255	

Reserve Fund

100,000

Mr. Chester Adams, Finance Committee Chairman, made a motion to hold the Reserve Fund line item until the end of the Annual Town Meeting.

Fire

Salaries	1,170,956
Expenses	<u>98,870</u>
	1,269,826

Gas Inspectors

Salaries
Expenses

Highway

Salaries	486,364
Expenses	<u>88,102</u>
	574,466

Highway Snow & Ice

Salaries	38,202
Expenses	<u>30,000</u>
	68,202

Historical Commission

Expenses	<u>575</u>
	575

Landfill

Salaries	72,772
Expenses	<u>191,439</u>
	264,211

Legal

Expenses	<u>105,000</u>
	105,000

Library

Salaries	148,302
Expenses	<u>21,924</u>
	170,226

Moderator

Salaries	665
Expenses	<u>101</u>
	766

Nursing

Salaries	26,211
Expenses	<u>3,843</u>
	30,054

Parking Tickets

Expenses	<u>3,285</u>
	3,285

<u>Personnel Board</u>	Salaries	484
	Expenses	<u>80</u>
		564
<u>Planning Board</u>	Salaries	64,537
	Expenses	<u>2,675</u>
		67,212
<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>	Salaries	
	Expenses	
<u>Police</u>	Salaries	1,863,101
	Expenses	<u>195,215</u>
		2,058,316
<u>Property Insurance</u>		<u>203,100</u>
		203,100
<u>Recreation/Community Center</u>	Salaries	
	Expenses	
<u>Regional Schools</u>	Diman	444,381
	Bristol Aggie	<u>20,299</u>
		464,680
<u>Retirement</u>		<u>1,064,311</u>
		1,064,311
<u>Sealer Of Weights & Measures</u>	Salaries	1,563
	Expenses	<u>267</u>
		1,830
<u>Selectmen</u>	Salaries	174,448
	Expenses	<u>23,191</u>
		197,639
<u>Shellfish</u>	Salaries	60,601
	Expenses	<u>15,205</u>
		75,806
<u>Street Lighting</u>		<u>18,771</u>
		18,771
<u>Town Beach</u>	Salaries	17,640
	Expenses	<u>3,875</u>
		21,515
<u>Town Building Committee</u>	Salaries	484
	Expenses	<u>97</u>
		581
<u>Town Clerk</u>	Salaries	72,999
	Expenses	<u>1,325</u>
		74,324
<u>Town Farm</u>		<u>2,816</u>

		2,816
<u>Town Hall</u>	Salaries	59,980
	Expenses	<u>40,800</u>
		100,780
<u>Town Reports</u>		<u>4,223</u>
		4,223
<u>Treasurer</u>	Salaries	102,570
	Expenses	<u>26,525</u>
		129,095
<u>Unclassified</u>		
<u>Veterans Graves</u>	Salaries	820
	Expenses	<u>1,937</u>
		2,757
<u>Veterans Services</u>	Salaries	30,048
	Expenses	<u>66,744</u>
		96,792
<u>Wire Inspectors</u>	Salaries	
	Expenses	
<u>School</u>	Salaries/Expenses	<u>11,786,930</u>
		11,786,930
<u>School Transportation</u>		<u>1,107,090</u>
		1,107,090
<u>SRPEDD</u>		<u>2,291</u>
		2,291
<u>Long Term Interest</u>		
	School Bond	103,050
	Landfill Bond	15,400
	Agricultural Open Space	<u>5,259</u>
		123,709
<u>Short Term Interest</u>		<u>15,000</u>
		15,000
<u>Debt Retirement</u>		
	School Bond	300,000
	Landfill Bond	200,000
	Agricultural Open Space	<u>130,000</u>
		630,000
<u>Total Budgets</u>		23,905,351

Voted: (Unanimously) all line items except the Reserve Fund for a total of \$23,805,351.

Free Cash	9,400
Taxation	23,485,951
Retirement Interest	200,000

Perpetual Care	90,000
Wetlands	<u>20,000</u>
	23,805,351

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Harbor Enterprise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Salaries	\$ 98,655
Expenses	25,000
Capital Outlay	<u>29,000</u>
Total	\$152,655

And that \$152,655.00 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$ 98,655
Dredge Surcharge	25,000
Waterways	<u>29,000</u>
Total	\$152,655

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HARBORMASTER/WHARFINGER

Voted: (Unanimously) to amend Article 5 as follows:

Salaries	\$ 44,387
Expenses	29,351
Capital Outlay	<u>89,000</u>
Total	\$162,738

And that \$162,738.00 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$108,738
Dredge Surcharge	25,000
Waterways	<u>29,000</u>
Total	\$162,738

Voted: (Unanimously) \$133,738.00 from Harbor Enterprise and \$29,000 from Waterways.

A motion to lay Article 5 on the Table was lost.

Voted: (Unanimously) Article 5 as amended.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Waterline Enterprise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Expenses	\$ 50,000
Total	\$ 50,000

And that \$50,000.00 be raised as follows: Department Receipts \$50,000.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously) \$50,000. from Water Enterprise.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$533,700 for the purposes of funding capital items listed below as recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee for the

Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004, contingent on the passage of a capital exclusion Proposition 2 _ ballot question.

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ITEM(S)</u>	<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>
Police	3 Cruisers/Unmarked Cars	\$100,000
Fire	Replacement of 1974 Tanker Truck	275,000
School	Smoke/Heat Alarm System	73,700
School	Refrigerator/Freezer – Elementary School	45,000
Highway	Dump Truck	<u>40,000</u>
		\$533,700
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE		

A motion to amend Article 10 by removing the cruisers and fund them through articles 13, 27 and 33 was ruled out of order by Town Counsel. The amendment would exceed the scope of the article.

Voted: Carried.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$12,000 for the purpose of conducting a municipal management study of the Town of Westport together with recommendations pursuant to the management structure and functional responsibilities of existing town departments, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: to amend Article 13 by deleting "and or transfer from available funds" and insert after \$12,000., "contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 override". Defeated.

Voted: \$12,000. from Taxation. Carried.

Voted: to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:08 p.m. until tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

There were 438 registered voters and 11 guests and visitors in attendance.

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk

June 9, 2004

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Representative Michael Rodrigues, Ben Prentice and Colin Boyle to act as tellers for the meeting and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting.

A moment of silence was held due to the passing of former President Ronald Reagan.

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act providing that legislation be adopted, in the form as on file with the Town Clerk, for the purpose of establishing a program whereby the Town would provide exemptions from the property taxes in exchange for complying deed restrictions ensuring that future sales of the subject homes would be

restricted to prices deemed affordable to households of low and moderate income and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to adopt regulations to implement the program; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or take

any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: Carried.

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Law, to add Article 11 Assisted and Independent Living Facilities By-Law as a use allowed by Special Permit of the Planning Board as follows:

11.0 ASSISTED AND INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES

11.1 Purpose. The purpose of this Assisted and Independent Living Facility By-law is to provide a mechanism for the approval of:

11.1.1 Assisted living facilities (ALFs) within a residential environment that offers supportive services to individuals who are unable to live independently in the community by offering supervision and/or assistance with basic activities of daily life, such as, but not limited to, dressing, bathing, toileting, and nutrition; and

11.1.2 Independent living facilities (ILFs) that offer congregate living arrangements to persons over the age of fifty-five;

11.1.3 The development of ALFs and ILFs in a manner that conserves environmental features, woodlands, wet areas, open space, areas of scenic beauty, views and vistas as well as encouraging the renovation and rehabilitation of older, existing buildings; and

11.1.4 The development of ALFs and ILFs in a manner that is harmonious with the surrounding land uses while protecting natural resources and open space.

11.2. Definitions. Within this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Bedroom: A separate room intended for, or which customarily could be used for sleeping.

Dwelling unit: A residence, including studio units. Each residence shall contain a living area, bathroom and, except in studio units, one or more bedrooms, and may contain a kitchen area or combination kitchen/living area.

Land: Land, including areas covered by water.

Subdivision Regulations: The rules and regulations of the Planning Board relative to subdivisions.

Wetlands: Lands subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 131, ss.40 and 40A

11.3. Use Restrictions. An ALF and/or an ILF may be constructed, subject to the requirements set forth herein, upon the issuance of a special permit by the Planning Board.

11.3.1 Area, setback, height, frontage, and density requirements for ALF's and ILF's are set forth in Section 7.2.1.

11.3.2 No other use or structures shall be permitted, except as specifically provided herein.

- 11.3.3 An ALF or an ILF may consist of a single building or multiple buildings.
- 11.3.4 Structures and uses accessory to the ALF or ILF may also be provided within the same building, including, but not limited to, the following: beauty and barber salons; recreational, physical fitness and therapy services; nondenominational chapel; library; bank automated teller machine; management offices; adult day care or adult health care facility; hospice residence; food service; laundry and covered parking areas; provided, however, that such accessory uses and structures shall be designed for the primary use of the residents and staff of the ALF or ILF. Such accessory uses may not be designed for or used as a general business by the general public. Such accessory uses shall be wholly within a structure containing residential units, and shall have no exterior advertising display.
- 11.3.5 The facility shall be served by municipal water and/or sewer systems unless the applicant can provide on-site water supply and sewage treatment.
- 11.4 An application for special permit shall be on forms furnished by the Planning Board and accompanied by a special permit-filing fee determined by the Planning Board. The Planning Board may waive the submittal of technical information or documents otherwise required hereunder where the applicant demonstrates that, due to the simplicity of the proposal, such information is not necessary for or applicable to the Planning Board's decision pursuant to this section. Unless so waived, an application for a special permit shall consist of the following:
- 11.4.1 The following plans:
- 11.4.1.1 A plan at a scale of 1" = 40', or other scale acceptable to the Planning Board, showing existing conditions, including: the topography of the site at a minimum of two foot intervals; vegetation and unique features, including wetlands, perennial streams and ponds, trees of more than 8" caliper, stone walls, and rock outcroppings; slopes in excess of 15%; existing trails, paths and ways; open vistas; structures of historical importance; wildlife habitats, and existing easements and restricted areas;
 - 11.4.1.2 A plan depicting the horizontal layout of the site, including types, location and layout of buildings, parking areas, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, stormwater facilities, lighting, signage, trash disposal areas, loading areas, etc.
 - 11.4.1.3 Elevation drawings of buildings and other major structures;
 - 11.4.1.4 A grading plan depicting stormwater management provisions;
 - 11.4.1.5 A landscape plan with planting schedule showing types, number and characteristics of proposed plantings;
 - 11.4.1.6 Detail drawings of drainage structures, signage, lighting, tree plantings, and other site features, as necessary.
 - 11.4.1.7 Perspective drawings or 3-D models may be subsequently required by the Planning Board;
 - 11.4.1.8 The Planning Board may describe the required content of the above plans in greater detail in regulations promulgated under this by-law.
- 11.4.2 The following narrative reports or data:
- 11.4.2.1 A proposed development schedule showing the beginning of construction, the rate of construction and development, including

stages, if applicable, and the estimated date of completion;

- 11.4.2.2 A development impact statement prepared by qualified professionals, detailing the impact of the development on the Town's capacity to furnish services including, but not limited to, roads, police, fire, emergency services, water and sewage treatment;
- 11.4.2.3 Information pertaining to any organization which the Applicant proposes to form where the development is to be a condominium development, including forms and plans to be used to organize and manage the same, for approval as to form by Town Counsel;
- 11.4.2.4 Copies of all proposed covenants, easements, and other restrictions which the Applicant proposes to grant to the Town, the Conservation Commission, utility companies, any condominium organization and the owners thereof, including plans of land to which they are intended to apply, for approval as to form by Town Counsel.
- 11.4.2.5 A stormwater management plan complying with all local, state, and federal requirements, including drainage calculations, erosion and sedimentation control provisions during and after construction, and on-going maintenance plan.
- 11.4.2.6 Any and all other information that the Planning Board may reasonably require in an acceptable form to assist in determining whether the Applicant's proposed development plan meets the objectives of this Section.
- 11.4.2.7 The Planning Board may describe the required content of the above plans in greater detail in regulations promulgated under this by-law.

11.4.3 Each such application shall be accompanied, if applicable, by a definitive plan of land pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, sections 81-0 and 81-T, as the same may be from time to time amended and the Subdivision Regulations as well as a filing fee determined in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations. Approval of a special permit under this section shall not substitute for compliance with Subdivision Control Law, G. L. c. 41, ss81k et seq. A definitive subdivision plan submitted in connection with an approved special permit for an ALF or ILF shall substantially conform with plans upon which the special permit approval was based.

11.5. Standards. In order to be eligible for consideration for a special permit pursuant to this Section, the proposed development shall meet all of the following standards:

11.5.1 **AFFORDABILITY:** At least fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of dwelling units in an Independent Living Facility (ILF) which proposes more than ten units shall meet the definition of Affordable Units as defined in Article 1, Section 1.1 of the Westport Zoning By-Law. These affordable units shall be marketed and administered through the Westport Housing Authority with resale restrictions to assure continued affordability. Dwelling units reserved for occupancy by persons or families of low to moderate income, or for occupancy by a single individual, shall not be segregated from market rate or larger dwelling units in the development.

11.5.2 **Open Space Requirement for ALFs and ILFs :**In the Residence/Agriculture districts a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the parcel shown on the Development Plan shall be contiguous open space. In the Business districts a minimum of thirty (30) percent of the parcel shown on the Development Plan shall be contiguous open space. Such open space may be separated by road(s) constructed within the development. Said contiguous open space shall have at any point the minimum width of 125 ft.

The required open space shall be used for conservation, historic preservation and education, outdoor education, park purposes, existing agriculture, existing horticulture, forestry, or for a combination of these uses, and shall be served by suitable access for such purposes.

The required open space shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that five percent (5%) of such open space may be paved or built upon for structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of such open space, community center, pedestrian walks, bike paths, and existing agriculture.

The required open space shall be conveyed in conformance to the requirements provided in the Subdivision Regulations.

Any proposed open space, unless conveyed to the Town or its Conservation Commission, shall be subject to a recorded restriction enforceable by the Town, providing that such land shall be perpetually kept in an open state, that it shall be preserved for exclusively existing agricultural, horticultural, educational or recreational purposes, and that it shall be maintained in a manner which will ensure its suitability for its intended purposes.

- 11.5.3 Buffer Areas and Building Setbacks. All dwellings and structures shall be located a minimum of sixty (60) feet from adjacent properties, and eighty (80) feet from adjacent surface waters or wetlands. All buildings shall be set back a minimum of 100 feet from the street except that, in the Business District this setback requirement may be modified at the discretion of the Planning Board. Buffer areas shall be retained in their natural vegetative state to the maximum extent feasible, where the 60 foot buffer of natural vegetation is not adequate (in the Planning Board's opinion) to screen the development from adjacent properties the Board may require additional plantings, earthen berms and/or fencing.

The Planning Board may waive the buffer requirement (i) where the land abutting the site is the subject of a permanent restriction for conservation or recreation so long as a buffer is established of at least fifty (50') feet in depth which may include such restricted land area within such buffer area calculation; or (ii) where the land abutting the site is held by the Town for conservation or recreation purposes; or (iii) the site is a mixed-use area or a downtown area where providing a buffer is infeasible or is inconsistent with the Town's planning goals for the area; or (iv) the Planning Board determines that a smaller buffer will suffice to accomplish the objectives set forth herein.

- 11.5.4 Removal and Replacement of Vegetation: Within the site, no clear cutting shall be permitted, except incidental to construction of buildings, roads, trails and parking areas.
- 11.5.4 Roadways: The principal roadway(s) serving the site shall be designed to conform with the standards of the Subdivision Regulations as they apply to Residential Streets, or the roadways may be designed to comply with the Town's Secondary Road construction standards, but must be paved with asphalt. Gravel paving or any other non-asphaltic material may not be used as a finished pavement.
- 11.5.6 Parking: Notwithstanding any other provisions in this By-law to the contrary, the applicant shall provide adequate parking to serve all anticipated uses on the property, and shall provide information detailing the method of computation of parking spaces. The minimum number of parking spaces provided on the site shall be 0.3 parking space per dwelling unit in an ALF and 1.0 parking space per dwelling unit in an ILF. For both ALFs and ILFs one (1) additional parking space shall be provided for every three (3) employees during the largest shift. The Planning Board may increase the required parking by up to 10% to serve the needs of employees, visitors and service vehicles. All parking areas shall be screened from view from adjacent residentially zoned or occupied premises located outside the site, including public ways, by a landscaped border at least ten (10) feet in width. Parking lots in front setbacks in residential zones, and in buffer areas in all zones, with the exception of necessary access driveways, are prohibited. Parking areas in residential districts shall be located to the side or rear of all buildings. Parking lot layout shall be planned to permit landscaping, buffering, or screening to prevent direct views of parked vehicles from adjacent streets. The use of traditional picket fencing, hedges, walls, or landscape berms to define parking areas is encouraged. In parking areas of eleven or more parking stalls, at least one tree of three inch or greater caliper shall be planted for every six parking places. Adequate tree wells and irrigation shall be provided for all parking lot landscaping. Pedestrian access is to be taken into consideration in parking lot design. The use of separate walkways is encouraged.

- 11.5.7 Loading: Loading areas, if required, must be at least 20 X 9 feet, and have a minimum overhead clearance of 10 feet. Screening and landscaping shall be provided to block all views of loading areas (except those specifically designated for emergency vehicles) from the public right-of-way and adjacent properties.
- 11.5.8 Stormwater Management: Drainage provisions shall be provided to ensure compliance with all local, state and federal requirements regarding stormwater management and shall be subject to review by the Planning Board's engineering consultant at the expense of the applicant. Drainage shall be designed so that the rate of run-off shall not be increased, groundwater recharge is maximized, surface and ground water quality is maintained or improved, and neighboring properties will not be adversely affected. The Board may require that existing drainage problems on/or adjacent to the site be mitigated as a condition of approval of the special permit under this section. Drainage facilities are not allowed in the required open space areas.
- 11.5.9 Utilities: All electric, gas, telephone, water distribution lines, and other utilities shall be placed underground except upon a demonstration of exceptional circumstances.
- 11.5.10 Paths: Paths for the use of residents shall be attractively designed with proper regard for convenience, separation of vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic, adequate connectivity, completeness of access to the various amenities and facilities on the site and to pathways on adjacent sites.
- 11.5.11 Paving and Curbing: Curbing is to be sloped or cut to provide a barrier free transition at road crossings and building entrances. Paving should be textured or of different materials at pedestrian crossings and walkways. The use of stone, brick or cultured stone pavers for entrance walkway borders is encouraged. The use of textured materials for walkway borders is encouraged.
- 11.5.12 Design and Architectural Character: Architectural style shall be in harmony with the historical design elements that are contextually consistent with regional New England architecture.
- 11.5.13 The ALF or ILF shall have an integrated emergency call, telephone and other communications system to provide monitoring for its residents. There shall be sufficient site access for public safety vehicles. A plan shall be approved by the Fire Department for the emergency evacuation of the residents with emphasis on ensuring the safety of residents with physical impairments.
- 11.5.14 No building/structure shall be floodlit. Drives, walkways, entryways, and parking areas shall not be illuminated by lights higher than fifteen (15) feet, which shall be shielded to have a total cutoff of all light at less than ninety (90) degrees and a beam cutoff less than seventy-five (75) degrees. The total cutoff of all light shall occur within the property lines of the parcel to be developed.
- 11.6 Incentives for Conversion of Structures: It is the intent of this subsection to encourage the appropriate reuse of land and buildings that are no longer needed or suitable for their original use. Such building conversions shall:
 - 11.6.1 Be compatible with the character of the neighborhood; and
 - 11.6.2 Minimize removal or disruption of historic existing building features or architectural elements, whether these exist on the site or on adjacent properties.
 - 11.6.3 Notwithstanding other sections of this bylaw, the buffer requirements, minimum open space requirements, and building height requirements for the ALF or ILF shall be those physically existing on the ground as of the date of enactment of this bylaw.
 - 11.6.4 The Planning Board may permit expansion of the structure to the degree reasonably necessary to construct entryways and features to comply with A.D.A. requirements and fire escape and fire protection features.
- 11.7 Action by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board may approve, approve with conditions, or deny an application for an ALF or an application for an ILF, after assessing whether the proposed development complies with the requirements of this by-law and serves the purpose of the by-law as expressed in section 11.1.

11.8 Relation to Other Requirements: The submittals and permits of this section shall be in addition to any other requirements of the Subdivision Control Law or any other provisions of this Zoning By-Law.

11.9 Severability: A determination that any portion or provision of this Assisted and Independent Living Facilities By-Law is invalid shall not invalidate any other portion or provision thereof. and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

The following changes and additions were made to the main motion of Article 15.

Add a new Subsection 11.4.3 to read:

11.4.3 Each such application shall be accompanied, if applicable, by a definitive plan of land pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, sections 81-O and 81-T, as the same may be from time to time amended and the Subdivision Regulations as well as a filing fee determined in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations. Approval of a special permit under this section shall not substitute for compliance with Subdivision Control Law, G.L. c. 41, ss 81K et seq. A definitive subdivision plan submitted in connection with an approved special permit for an ALF or ILF shall substantially conform with plans upon which the special permit approval was based.

Add a new Subsection 11.5.15 to read:

11.5.15 In order to be eligible for consideration for a Special Permit pursuant to this section, the AFLF or ILF shall comply with all Federal and State access requirements.

Change Subsection 11.5.5 to read:

11.5.5 Roadways: The principal roadway(s) serving the site shall be designed to conform with the standards of the Subdivision Regulations as they apply to Residential Streets, or the roadways may be designed to comply with the Town's Secondary Road construction standards, but must be paved with asphalt. Gravel paving or any other non-asphaltic material may not be used as a finished pavement.

Change Subsection 11.6.4 by replacing the phrase "A.D.A. requirements" with the phrase "Federal and state access requirements"

Voted: Article 15 with the new main motion, Carried. Yes: 254 No: 49
Approved by Attorney General 9/28/04

Voted: (Unanimously) to advance Article 28 at this time.

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for cost of engineering services for plans and specifications for the development of a water system and a sewer system for the Town, including the preparation of required environmental impact reports, required permitting, and facilities required to connect such systems to the water and sewer systems of the City of Fall River or any other municipality; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; to determine whether any such borrowing shall be made contingent upon a Proposition 2 _ exemption vote; and to take any other action relative thereto.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The main motion of Article 28 was changed to read as follows:

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the cost of engineering services for plans and specifications for the development of Phase 1, of a water system and a sewer system for the Town, including the preparation of required environmental impact reports, required permitting, and facilities required to connect such systems to the water and sewer system of the City of Fall River or any other municipality; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and to take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:00 p.m. until tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. and to continue the debate on article 28 at that time.

There were 350 registered voters and 13 guests and visitors in attendance.

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk

June 10, 2004

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Representative Michael Rodrigues, Ben Prentice and Craig Souza to act as tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting.

The Moderator introduced Boy Scouts from Troop 63 who were in attendance.

Article 28 (continued from the previous night)

The main motion of Article 28 was changed to read as follows:

That \$2,300,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the cost of engineering services for plans and specifications for the development of Phase 1, of a water system and a sewer system for the Town, including the preparation of required environmental impact reports, required permitting, and facilities required to connect such systems to the water and sewer systems of the City of Fall River or any other municipality, and including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$2,300,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

Voted: to amend Article 28 by deleting "of Phase 1" and by adding at the end, "provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2 1/2) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote." Lost. Yes: 161 No: 165

Voted: The main motion of Article 28 was lost. Yes: 201 No: 112 (2/3 vote needed)

Voted: to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting AT 10:00 P.M. until next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Carried.

There were 354 registered voters and 17 guests and visitors in attendance.

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk

June 15, 2004

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Gerald Souza, Betty Slade and Angie Lombardi as Tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting.

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Law, to add Article 12 Townhouse Development By-Law as a use allowed by Special Permit of the Planning Board as follows:

12.0 TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

12.1 Purpose. The purpose of this Townhouse Development By-law is to provide for townhouse development in a campus style or infill setting, and to promote the development of varied housing opportunities including housing affordable to low and moderate income families and provide accompanying conveniences, recreational areas and community center facilities, to encourage the preservation of open land for its scenic beauty particularly frontage along public ways, ponds, rivers, wetlands and to enhance open space, forestry, and recreational use; to preserve existing agricultural, historical and archeological resources; to protect the natural environment; to protect the value of real property; to promote more sensitive siting of buildings and better overall site planning; to perpetuate the appearance of Westport's traditional New England landscape; and to facilitate the construction and maintenance of streets, utilities, and public services in a more economical and efficient manner.

12.2 Definitions. Within this section the following terms shall have these definitions: Townhouse: a freestanding building, exclusively for residential use, containing more than 2 dwelling units, each of which has its own front and rear ground floor access to the outside, and each is which is separated from adjacent units by a fire-resistant party wall.

Dwelling unit: - One (1) or more living and sleeping rooms providing complete living facilities for the use of one (1) or more individuals constituting a single housekeeping unit, with permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

Bedroom: A separate room intended for, or which customarily could be used for sleeping.

Land: Land including areas covered by water.

Subdivision Regulations: The rules and regulations of the Westport Planning Board relative to subdivisions.

Wetlands: Lands subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 131, ss.40 and 40A.

12.3 Use Restrictions. Townhouse Developments may be constructed, subject to the requirements set forth herein, upon the issuance of a special permit by the Planning Board.

12.3.1 Notwithstanding any other provision in this By-law to the contrary, the number of dwelling units shall be established by having a Net Useable Land Area (NULA) site plan for the overall property submitted to the Planning Board. The NULA acreage is established by subtracting all water bodies, wetlands, marshes, bogs and land within a eighty (80) foot

wetland buffer area to these regulated lands. The remaining upland area is the NULA for the purposes of establishing the number of dwelling units allowed in a townhouse development. In the residence/agricultural district, the total number of proposed dwelling units within the development shall not exceed two (2) units per NULA acre. In the Business districts, the total number of proposed dwelling units within the development shall not exceed three (3) units per NULA acre. For projects proposing more than 10 dwelling units with more than 50% of these being rental units, the Planning Board may grant a density bonus of 0.5 additional units per NULA acre. At least 50% of the bonus units must be maintained as affordable units as defined in Article 1, Sec. 1.1.

- 12.3.2 No individual structure within a Townhouse Development shall contain more than four (4) dwelling units.
- 12.3.3 At least fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of dwelling units in a Townhouse Development which proposes more than ten units shall meet the definition of Affordable Units as defined in Article 1, Section 1.1 of the Westport Zoning By-Law. These affordable units shall be marketed and administered through the Westport Housing Authority with resale restrictions to assure continued affordability. Dwelling units reserved for occupancy by persons or families of low to moderate income, or for occupancy by a single individual, shall not be segregated from market rate or larger dwelling units in the Townhouse Development.
- 12.3.4 Dwelling units shall be varied as to the number of bedrooms. The maximum number of bedrooms allowed in a dwelling unit shall be three (3). No more than twenty percent (20%) of the total number of dwelling units shall have 3 bedrooms.
- 12.3.5 Maximum building height shall not exceed 40 feet.
- 12.3.6 The facility shall be served by municipal water and/or sewer systems, unless the applicant can provide on-site public water supply and sewage treatment.
- 12.4 Application. An application for special permit shall be on forms furnished by the Planning Board and accompanied by a special permit filing fee determined by the Planning Board. The Planning Board may waive the submittal of technical information or documents otherwise required hereunder where the applicant demonstrates that, due to the simplicity of the proposal, such information is not necessary for or applicable to the Planning Board's decision pursuant to this section. Unless so waived, an application for a special permit shall consist of the following:
 - 12.4.1 The following plans:
 - 12.4.1.1 A plan at a scale of 1"=40', or other scale acceptable to the Planning Board, showing existing conditions, including: the topography of the site at a minimum of two foot intervals, vegetation and unique features, including wetlands, perennial streams and ponds, trees of more than 8" caliper, stone walls and rock outcroppings; slopes in excess of 15%; existing trails, paths, and ways; open vistas, structures of historical importance; wildlife habitats, and existing easements and restricted areas;
 - 12.4.2.2 A plan depicting the horizontal layout of the site, including types, location and layout of buildings, parking areas, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, stormwater facilities, lighting, signage, trash disposal areas, loading areas, etc.
 - 12.4.1.3 Elevation drawings of buildings and other major structures;
 - 12.4.1.4 A grading plan depicting stormwater management provisions;
 - 12.4.1.5 A landscape plan with planting schedule showing types, number and characteristics of proposed plantings;
 - 12.4.1.6 Detail drawings of drainage structures, signage, lighting, tree plantings,

and other site features, as necessary.

12.4.1.7 Perspective drawings or 3-D models may be subsequently required by the Planning Board;

12.4.1.8 The Planning Board may describe the required content of the above plans in greater detail in regulations promulgated under this by-law.

12.4.2 The following narrative reports or data:

12.4.2.1 A proposed development schedule showing the beginning of construction, the rate of construction and development, including stages, if applicable, and the estimated date of completion;

12.4.2.2 A development impact statement prepared by qualified professionals, detailing the impact of the development on the Town's capacity to furnish services including, but not limited to, roads, police, fire, emergency services, and water and sewer.

12.4.2.3 Information pertaining to any organization which the Applicant proposes to form where the development is to be a condominium development, including forms and plans to be used to organize and manage the same, for approval as to form by Town Counsel;

12.4.2.4 Copies of all proposed covenants, easements and other restrictions which the applicant proposes to grant to the Town, the Conservation Commission, utility companies, any condominium organization and the owners thereof, including plans of land to which they are intended to apply, for approval as to form by Town Counsel;

12.4.2.5 A stormwater management plan complying with all local, state, and federal requirements, including drainage calculations, erosion and sedimentation control provisions during and after construction, and on-going maintenance plan.

12.4.2.6 Any and all other information that the Planning Board may reasonably require in an acceptable form to assist in determining whether the Applicant's proposed development plan meets the objectives of this Section.

12.4.2.7 The Planning Board may describe the required content of the above plans in greater detail in regulations promulgated under this by-law.

12.4.3 Each such application shall be accompanied, if applicable, by a definitive plan of land pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, sections 81-0 and 81-T, as the same may be from time to time amended and the Subdivision Regulations as well as a filing fee determined in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations. Approval of a special permit under this section shall not substitute for compliance with Subdivision Control Law, G. L. c. 41, ss81k et seq. A definitive subdivision plan submitted in connection with an approved special permit for a Townhouse development shall substantially conform with all plans upon which the special permit approval was based.

12.5 Standards. In order to be eligible for consideration for a special permit pursuant to this Section, the proposed development shall meet all of the following standards:

12.5.1 Open Space Requirements: In the Residential/Agricultural districts a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the parcel shown on the Development Plan shall be contiguous open space. In the Business districts a minimum of thirty (30) percent of the parcel shown on the Development Plan shall be contiguous open space. Such open space may be separated by road(s) constructed within the Townhouse Development. Said contiguous open space shall have at any point the minimum width of 125 ft.

The required open space shall be used for conservation, historic preservation and education, outdoor education, park purposes, existing agriculture, existing horticulture, forestry, or for a combination of these uses, and shall be served by suitable access for such purposes.

The required open space shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that five percent (5%) of such open space may be paved or built upon for structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of such open space, community center, pedestrian walks, bike paths, and existing agriculture.

The required open space shall be conveyed in conformance to the requirements provided in the Subdivision Regulations.

Any proposed open space, unless conveyed to the Town or its Conservation Commission, shall be subject to a recorded restriction enforceable by the Town, providing that such land shall be perpetually kept in an open state, that it shall be preserved for exclusively existing agricultural, horticultural, educational or recreational purposes, and that it shall be maintained in a manner which will ensure its suitability for its intended purposes.

- 12.5.2 Buffer Areas and Building Setbacks: All dwellings and structures shall be located a minimum of sixty (60) feet from adjacent properties, and eighty (80) feet from adjacent surface waters or wetlands. All buildings shall be set back a minimum of 100 feet from the street except that, in the Business District this setback requirement may be modified at the discretion of the Planning Board. Buffer areas shall be retained in their natural vegetative state to the maximum extent feasible, where the 60 foot buffer of natural vegetation is not adequate (in the Planning Board's opinion) to screen the development from adjacent properties the Board may require additional plantings, earthen berms and/or fencing.
- 12.5.3 Building Envelope: All site plans shall locate a building envelope radius of forty (40) feet from the outside edge of a townhouse building. Building envelopes shall be clearly shown on all sheets of the development plans. Contiguous open space, ways, lanes and collectors may not be located within the building envelope. Parking, sidewalks, individual unit gardens/lawns etc. may be developed within the building envelope. Building envelopes of adjacent buildings may overlap.
- 12.5.4 Removal and Replacement of Vegetation: Within the site, no clear cutting shall be permitted, except incidental to construction of buildings, roads, trails and parking areas.
- 12.5.5 Design and Architectural Character:
- 12.5.6 Architectural style shall be in harmony with the historical design elements that are contextually consistent with regional New England architecture.
- 12.5.7 Parking: Notwithstanding any other provisions in this By-law to the contrary, the development shall provide two (2) spaces per each unit, plus one (1) additional visitor parking space for every five (5) units, plus one (1) additional parking space for every two hundred (200) square feet of non-residential building area. In cases where the units are provided with a garage and two spaces for each unit on a driveway, the visitor spaces shall not be required. Parking areas shall be screened from public ways and adjacent or abutting properties by building location, fencing and/or dense plantings. Parking areas, including maneuvering space for parking and loading areas, shall not be located within the required buffer areas. No parking shall be allowed on interior roadways.
- 12.5.8 Roadways: The principal roadway(s) serving the site shall be designed to conform with the standards of the Subdivision Regulations as they apply to Residential Streets. Roadways intended to remain private shall be maintained by an association of unit owners or by the Applicant.
- 12.5.9 Stormwater Management: Drainage provisions shall be provided to ensure compliance with all local, state and federal requirements regarding stormwater management and shall be subject to review by the Planning Board's engineering consultant at the expense of the applicant. Drainage shall be designed so that the rate of run-off shall

not be increased, groundwater recharge is maximized, surface and ground water quality is maintained or improved, and neighboring properties will not be adversely affected. The Board may require that existing drainage problems on/or adjacent to the site be mitigated as a condition of approval of the special permit under this section. Drainage facilities are not allowed in the required open space areas.

12.5.10 Walkways: Connecting tree-lined walkways shall be provided between structures, parking areas and abutting public ways. One shade trees of 2 1/2" caliper shall be planted for every forty (40) feet of walkway, as even intervals or as specified by the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall approve the tree species proposed by the applicant for suitability.

12.5.11 Services: Exposed storage areas, machinery, service areas, truck loading areas, adequate solid waste disposal facilities, utility buildings and structures and other unsightly uses shall be visually screened both internally, and from neighboring properties. Electric, telephone, cable TV, and other such utilities shall be underground.

12.5.12 No building/structure shall be floodlit. Drives, walkways, entryways, and parking areas shall not be illuminated by lights higher than fifteen (15) feet, which shall be shielded to have a total cutoff of all light at less than ninety (90) degrees and a beam cutoff less than seventy-five (75) degrees. The total cutoff of all light shall occur within the property lines of the parcel to be developed.

12.6 Action by the Planning Board: The Planning Board may approve, approve with conditions, or deny an application for a Townhouse Development, after assessing whether the proposed development complies with the requirements of this by-law and serves the purpose of the by-law as expressed in section 12.1.

12.7 Relation to Other Requirements: The submittals and permits of this section shall be in addition to those of any other Federal, state, or local statute, by-law or regulation.

12.8 Severability: A determination that any portion or provision of this Townhouse Development By-Law is invalid shall not invalidate any other portion or provision thereof.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

Voted: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 16.

At 7:55 p.m. the Moderator called for a five minute recess in order to listen to the tape recorded votes taken at the June 10, 2004 Annual Town Meeting concerning Article 28 and the motions to adjourn and reconsider the Article.

The Moderator, after listening to the tape, determined that the motion to adjourn had been accepted before the motion to reconsider Article 28, therefore, the motion to reconsider was out of order and Article 28 can not be brought back during this Annual Town Meeting.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Law, Article 1, Section 1.1 Definitions to insert in the appropriate order:

Affordable Units: Residential Units for which the rent (including utilities) shall not exceed 30% of the income of the renting eligible household; or, for which the annual debt service on a mortgage plus taxes, insurance, and condominium fees (assuming a 10% down payment) shall not exceed 30% of the income of the purchasing eligible household. Sales prices, rents, and rent increases shall be restricted to ensure long-term affordability to eligible households, to the extent legally possible.

Applicant: The person or persons, including a corporation or other legal entity, applying for a special permit hereunder. The Applicant must own, or be the beneficial owner of, all the land included in the proposed site, or have authority from the owner(s) to act for him/her/it/them or

hold an option or contract duly executed by the owner(s) and the Applicant giving the latter the right to acquire the land to be included in the site.

Assisted Living Facility (ALF): A facility as defined in 651 CMR 12.02.

Eligible Household: A household whose total income does not exceed 80% of the Median Income of households in the Providence-Warwick-Fall River Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, adjusted for household size.

Independent Living Facility (ILF): A facility reserved by deed for occupancy by persons over the age of fifty-five who are able to care for themselves, but with some common facilities as described in Article 11, Section 11.3.

Median Income: The income set forth in or calculated based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations, as amended, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

Voted: to amend Article 17 by deleting the paragraph titled "Affordable Units" and inserting the following:

Affordable Units: As defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40B and enabling regulations as from time to time amended.

Carried.

Voted: to accept Article 17 as amended. (NOTE: see vote after Article 18) Disapproved by Attorney General 9/28/04.

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7 Intensity Regulations of the Westport Zoning By-Law, to add Section 7.2.1 Assisted and Independent Living Facilities as follows:

- 7.2.1 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in the foregoing requirements of Sections 7.1 and 7.2, or in the requirements of Section 7.6, the following dimensional and density requirements shall be applicable to Assisted Living Facilities and Independent Living Facilities authorized under Article 11 of this By-law.

	Residence/Agricultural	Business
Minimum land area per unit*	5,500 sq. ft.	5,500 sq. ft.
Minimum front setback	100 ft.	100 ft.
Minimum side and back yard setback/buffer	60 ft.	60 ft.
Minimum setback from surface water or wetlands	80 ft.	80 ft.
Minimum open space	50%	30%
Maximum height	40 ft.	40 ft.
Minimum frontage	200 ft.	200 ft.

* Exclusive of wetland resource areas, water bodies, and required open space. For projects proposing more than 10 dwelling units, either assisted or independent living units, with more than 50% of these being rental units, the Planning Board may increase the total number of units allowed by 10%. At least 50% of the bonus units must be maintained as affordable units, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

Voted: Yes: 217 No: 40. Carried. Approved by Attorney General 9/28/04.

Voted: to reconsider Article 17 in order to record the 2/3 's required vote.

Article 17

Voted: The Moderator declared Article 17 carried by a 2/3 vote. Disapproved by Attorney General 9/28/04.

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 Administration of the Westport Zoning By-Law, to add Section 2.6 Special Permits - Planning Board as follows:

The Planning Board is hereby designated as the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for Assisted and Independent Living Facilities (Article 11.0) and Townhouse Developments (Article 12.0). The Planning Board shall act on all special permit applications as provided by the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board as Special Permit Granting Authority to be adopted hereunder.

PLANNING BOARD

The main motion of Article 19 was changed to delete the words "and Townhouse Developments (Article 12.0)."

Voted: Yes: 230 No: 56. Carried. Approved Atty. Gen. 9/28/04.

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 Use Regulations of the Westport Zoning By-Law, to add Section 4.0.1.E as follows:

4.0.1.E Uses, which may be, permitted by the Planning Board in accordance with Section 2.6 Special Permits - Planning Board

1. Assisted and Independent Living Facilities (Article 11.0)
2. Townhouse Developments (Article 12.0)

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

The main motion of Article 20 was changed to delete the words "2. Townhouse Developments (Article 12.0)"

Voted: The Moderator declared Article 20 carried by a 2/3 vote. Disapproved by Attorney General 9/28/04.

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to amend Table of Use Regulations of the Westport Zoning By-Law, to allow for Assisted and Independent Living Facilities and Townhouse Developments by Special Permit of the Planning Board as follows:

1. To insert after "SPBA = Special Permit Board of Appeals", "SPPB = Special Permit Planning Board".
2. To insert after "AMUSEMENT OR ASSEMBLY" "ASSISTED AND INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES" with the designation "SPPB" under Residential, Business, and Unrestricted Districts.
3. To insert after "TIRE STORAGE YARDS" "TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT" with the designation

"SPPB" under Residential, Business, and Unrestricted Districts.

PLANNING BOARD

The main motion of Article 21 was changed to delete in the first paragraph the words "and Townhouse Developments" and to delete sentence #3 in its entirety.

Voted: The Moderator declared Article 21 carried by a 2/3 vote. Disapproved by Attorney General 9/28/04.

Article 22

To see if the town of Westport will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Law, Article 10, as follows:

1. Revise the current chart only of section 10.3, which states:

Year of endorsement of plan	Greater of 2 lots or 20% of total lots on plan
2 ND year after endorsement	Greater of 4 lots or 40% of total lots on plan
3 RD year after endorsement	Greater of 6 lots or 60% of total lots on plan
4 TH year after endorsement	Greater of 8 lots or 80% of total lots on plan
5 th year after endorsement	No limit

and insert therein:

Year of endorsement of plan	Greater of 4 lots or 40% of total lots on plan
2 nd year after endorsement	Greater of 6 lots or 60% of total lots on plan
3 rd year after endorsement	Greater of 8 lots or 80% of total lots on plan
4 th year after endorsement	Remainder of lots on plan

2. Delete current section 10.4, which states:

"The Building Inspector may, for purpose of calculations under this by-law, aggregate lots created from two or more plans of land that have been endorsed "approval not required" under M.G.L. c. 41, section 81p, if all the land shown on such plans was divided from a single, contiguous parcel that was in one ownership on the date of enactment thereof",

and insert therein the following:

"The Building Inspector will, for the purpose of calculations under this by-law, aggregate all lots created from two or more plans of land if all the lots shown on such plans were divided from a single contiguous parcel of land."

3. Add an additional section, 10.6 as follows:

Affordable Units, and units in Assisted and/or Independent Living Facilities as defined in Article 1.1, shall be exempt from the phased development schedule, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PLANNING BOARD

Voted: the provisions of Article 22 were lost. Yes: 129 No: 111

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors to fund fees and expenses to update the Revaluation program mandated by M.G.L. Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1979 to place the Town on a 100% valuation assessment basis, and /or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Voted: \$20,000. from Overlay Surplus. Carried.

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds the sum of \$90,000.00 for the purpose of complying with mandated Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Administrative Consent Orders to clean up the Town Hall contamination site and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: \$90,000. from Overlay Surplus. Carried.

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the FY05 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2005; and further to reserve for future appropriation amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use, a sum of money for acquisition and preservation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>APROPRIATION PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>
Administrative Costs	\$ 14,000	FY05 CPC Fund Revenues
Acquisition of Leonard Santos Farm 74.8 Acres south of American Legion Highway & west of Old County Road	500,000	\$400,000 from FY05 CPA Fund Revenues in Open Space, and \$100,000 from FY04 CPA Fund Revenues Previously Earmarked for Oscar Palmer Farm
Westport Pont Historic Waterways Restoration	50,000	\$40,000 from FY05CPA Fund Revenues in Open Space, and \$10,000 from FY05 CPA Fund Revenues in Historic Preservation
Town Farm Restoration	10,850	FY05 CPA Fund Revenues in Historic Preservation
Town Farm Research Preservation	3,500	FY05 CPA Fund Revenues in Historic Revenues
Town Records Preservation	10,000	FY05 CPA Fund Revenues in Historic Preservation
Friends Meeting House Restoration	22,500	FY05 CPA Fund Revenues in Historic Preservation
Town Hall Restoration	35,000	FY04 CPA Revenues in historic preservation previously earmarked for Oscar Palmer Farm
Hicks/Handy Historic Preservation	3,075	FY05 CPA Revenues in Historic Preservation
Westport Corners Preservation	1,200	FY05 CPA Revenues in

		Historic Preservation
Westport Historic Signs	5,000	FY05 CPA Revenues in Historic Preservation
Affordable Housing Plan, Strategy, and Implementation	60,000	FY05 CPA Revenues in Community Housing
Open Space Reserve	20,000	FY05 CPA Fund Revenues
Historic Preservation Reserve	12,500	FY05 CPA Fund Revenues
Community Housing Reserve	20,353	FY05 CPA Fund Revenues
Total Budget Requests	\$745,478	\$610,478 from FY05 CPA Fund Revenues & \$135,000 from FY04 CPA Fund Revenues

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Voted: (Unanimously) to amend the last three line amounts in Article 25 to read:

Open Space Reserve	10,000.
Historic Preservation Reserve	10,000.
Community Housing Reserve	10,353.

Voted: (Unanimously) all amounts within Article 25 except those listed as follows:

Friends Meeting House Restoration	22,500.	Carried.
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Voted: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:02 p.m. until tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and to continue with Article 25 at that time.

There were 380 registered voters and 10 guests and visitors in attendance.

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk

June 16, 2004

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Keith MacDonald to act as a teller and he was duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting.

Article 25 - continued from the June 15, 2004 meeting.

Voted: Affordable Housing Plan, Strategy, and Implementation 60,000. Carried.

Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of \$30,000 from receipts reserve for the purpose of closure costs and environmental monitoring expenses at the landfill site in FY2005, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Voted: (Unanimously) \$30,000. from Landfill Receipts Reserved.

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds the sum of \$62,000 necessary for the purchase, installation and maintenance of start-up equipment relative to networking town buildings and providing internet access, and/or take any other action relative thereto.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: \$62,000. from Overlay Surplus. Carried.

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of conducting one or more Household Hazardous Waste Collection events for residents of Westport and properly disposing of the hazardous materials, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously) \$12,000. from Overlay Surplus.

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the waterways account or available funds the sum of \$5,000.00 for a new outboard motor for shellfish law enforcement and shellfish bed enhancement through the Shellfish Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Voted: \$5,000. from Waterways. Carried.

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,000.00 for environmental work (Phase V) at the Head of Westport Landing, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

LANDING COMMISSION

Voted: (Unanimously) \$12,000. from Overlay Surplus.

Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to dedicate and transfer under the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen for the purposes of constructing a Public Safety Complex, all or a portion of the Town Land five (5) acres of the so-called Town Forest Land located on the north side of Hix Bridge Road and westerly of Route 88 as shown on Assessors' Plan 54, Lot 40, presently under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts Legislature for approval of such change in use under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, if such approval is determined to be necessary, or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: Carried. (NOTE: see vote after Article 33)

Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding consulting fees, secretarial services and other related expenses in conjunction with the construction of a Public Safety Complex, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

\$10,000. with \$5,000. from Taxation and \$5,000. from Article 7 of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting.

Voted: to reconsider Article 32. Carried. (Article 32 required a 2/3's vote)

Article 32

Voted: The Moderator declared Article 32 carried by a 2/3 vote.

Article 33

Voted: (Unanimously) the sum of \$10,000. (\$5,000. from Taxation and \$5,000. from Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting).

Article 34

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the sale of cemetery lots account for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemeteries, avenues, paths, and structures situated therein, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Voted: (Unanimously) \$10,000. from Sale of Cemetery Lots.

Article 35

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the perpetual care account for the purchase of a pickup truck and associated equipment for the Cemetery Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Voted: (Unanimously) \$20,000. from Perpetual Care Account.

Article 36

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds \$25,000.00 to be used in conjunction with, and/or in addition to any funds allocated by the Commonwealth for the purpose of funding transportation services for Westport residents who are handicapped and/or are elderly, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Voted: (Unanimously) \$25,000. (\$10,000. from Taxation and \$15,000. from Overlay Surplus)

Voted: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:03 p.m. until next Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

There were 184 registered voters and 7 visitors and guests in attendance.

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk

June 22, 2004

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Ken DeCosta, Edward Carey and James Whitin to serve as tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting.

Article 37

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and Police Officers of Westport Alliance, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: to amend the amount of Article 37 to \$40,626.00. Carried.

Voted: (Unanimously) \$40,626.00 from Taxation.

Article 38

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and Westport Permanent Firefighters Association, Local 1802, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously) \$15,324.00 from Free Cash and \$9,283.00 from Taxation.

Article 39

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and Town Hall Departments, Library and Cemetery and LAW, Local 254, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously) \$31,466.00 from Free Cash.

Article 40

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and Highway Department and LAW, Local 254 and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: (Unanimously) \$15,435.00 from Free Cash.

Article 41

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of money sufficient to fully fund salary increases for non-union employees, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously) \$34,473.00 from Free Cash.

Article 48

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2005, a revolving fund for the Planning Board into which will be paid all portions of subdivision filing fee receipts collected for the purpose of maintaining the assessors parcel GIS database, as provided in the *Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land*, as they may be amended from time to time. These funds may be expended for costs not to exceed \$10,000, and solely for purposes related to maintaining the GIS database, and may be expended without further appropriation by the Planning Board, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS/PLANNING BOARD

Voted: Carried.

Article 49

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003, the Military Pay Act, that authorizes counties, cities, and towns to pay any employee who has been granted a military leave of absence because the employee is a member of the army nation guard, the air national guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States after September 22, 2001 his or her base salary less any amount received for his or her military service, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously) with the date changed to Sept. 11, 2001.

Article 50

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A—Building Department, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Clerk	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and inserting therein:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Clerk	2	+20	K-A	PT

And if necessary to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,895.00 to the Building Department Budget therefore, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Voted: (Unanimously) \$3,895.00 from Taxation.

Article 51

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A—Cable Advisory, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Public Access Staff Assistant	2	-20	Salary	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 52

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A—Cable Advisory, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Public Access Staff Assistant	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 53

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A—Board of Health, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Recording Clerk	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 54

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Laws XXI Section 6. Fringe Benefits and Working Conditions Section A Leave #4 Vacations, by deleting the by-law as it currently exists and inserting therein the following:

Vacations shall be calculated and available on July 1st, based on the prior years employment.

All salary, full time annual and regular employees shall earn vacation time as follows:

If hired July or August	6 days
September/October	5 days
November/December	4 days
January/February	3 days
March/April	2 days
May/June	1 day

Employees with 1 year but not more than 2 years shall be granted 12 days annually;
Employees with 2 years but not more than 5 years shall be granted 18 days annually;
Employees with 5 years but not more than 18 years shall be granted 21 days annually;
Employees with more than 18 years shall be granted 27 days annually.

Vacations must be used annually, unless approved by the Department Supervisor to carry over. The Department Supervisor may approve up to two (2) weeks of vacation carry over. Any unused vacation must be accrued or forfeited. Under no circumstances shall vacation time be carried more than one (1) fiscal year.

Whenever the employment of any person covered by this by-law is terminated during a year by dismissal through no fault or delinquency on his or her part or by resignation, retirement or death, without his having been granted the vacation to which he/she was entitled, he/she, or in case of death, his estate shall be paid, at the regular rate of compensation payable to him at the termination of his employment, an amount in lieu of such vacation; provided that no monetary or other allowance has already been made therefore. The official head of the department in which the person was last employed shall enter on the departmental payroll all amounts payable under this section.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 55

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law XXI Section 6. Fringe Benefits and Working Conditions, Section B General by inserting therein #5, which reads:

The Chief and Deputy Chief of Police and Fire may receive at least the same number of sick days, vacation days, personal days, bereavement days, holiday pay, longevity pay, educational pay (c41, s108L), uniform and cleaning allowance, health and life insurance and other benefits as do any of the regular employees of their department.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/PERSONNEL BOARD

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 56

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law XXI Schedule "A" as shown as Appendix A on Page , and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Voted: (Unanimously)

Article 57

To see if the Town will vote to reestablish the Recreation Commission by reducing the number of members from seven (7) to five (5); two members for three years, two members for two years, and one member for one year and their successors shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of three years each, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: Carried.

Article 58

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1, Section 0101 of the Town By-Laws as follows:

Delete the words "Monday" and "March".

The article to read as follows:

The annual meeting for the election of officers and the determination of such matters as shall properly be placed upon the official ballot shall be held on the second Tuesday of April in the several precincts, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN CLERK/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously). Approved by Attorney General 9/28/04.

Article 59

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Law by deleting in Article 1, Section 0102. the word "April".

The article to read as follows:

The annual meeting for consideration of all matters not covered by Section 0101. shall be held the first Tuesday in May, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN CLERK/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously). Approved by Attorney General 9/28/04.

Article 60

To see if the Town will vote to amend Town By-Law Article XXX BEACH COMMITTEE 3002. that reads as follows: "The Board of Selectmen shall appoint said committee consisting of five members, one member to be selected from each of the five (5) voting precincts."

by deleting the words "one member to be selected from each of the five (5) voting precincts." and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BEACH COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: Carried. (NOTE: see vote after Article 61)

Article 61

To see if the Town will vote to amend Town By-Law Article V by deleting in Section 0504.1 the word "ten" and the figure "\$10,000.00" and inserting therein the word "twenty-five" and the figure "\$25,000.00" to correspond with M.G.L. Chapter 30B pertaining to bidding requirements, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: Carried. (NOTE: see vote after Article 62) Approved by Attorney General 9/28/04.

Motion made to reconsider Article 60. Carried. (Article 60 requires 2/3 vote)

Article 60

VOTED: The provisions of Article 60 were lost. Yes: 81 No: 68

Article 62

To see if Town will vote to amend Town By-Law Article XXXV by deleting the current language of section 3502.2 that reads: "The penalty for violation of section 3502.1 shall be as follows: for the first offense, fifteen (\$15.00) dollars, for the second offense, twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, and for each subsequent offense, the vehicle may be removed according to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 266, Section 120D" and insert therein the following: "The penalty for violation of section 3502.1 shall be as follows: for each and every offense, one hundred (\$100.00) dollars and/or vehicle may be removed in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, section 22D", and or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Voted: (Unanimously). Approved by Atty. Gen. 9/28/04.

Motion made to reconsider Article 61. Carried. (Article 61 requires a 2/3 vote)

Article 61

Voted: The Moderator declared Article 61 carried by a 2/3 vote.

Article 63

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding the following Article LIV RIGHT TO FARM as follows:

ARTICLE LIV RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW

Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution ensures "the protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural and other natural resources." Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1 furthers this goal by stating that no local zoning bylaw may prohibit, unreasonably regulate, or require a special permit for the use of land for the primary purpose of agriculture. Other state laws such as Chapter 111, Section 125A provide additional protection and incentives for agriculture. This By-law does not seek to change these State laws, but to bring them together into one local By-law to enhance local understanding of "the right to farm."

This General By-law section encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Westport by allowing agricultural uses to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This section shall apply in all areas in the Town.

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land used for the primary purpose of agriculture as defined by the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth definition is at present that of Chapter 61A: a farm must contain at least five acres and have annual revenues of at least \$500.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include:

- Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil,
- Dairying,
- The production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities,
- The growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land,
- The raising of livestock including horses,
- The keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise,
- The keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (e.g. emu) and camelids (e.g. llama) and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, bees, fur-bearing animals, and
- Any other forestry or lumbering operations.

Farming shall encompass activities including, but not limited to:

- The operation and transportation of large, slow-moving equipment over roads within the Town;
- The control of pests, including, but not limited to; insects and weeds, predators and diseases of plants and animals;
- The application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- Conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- The processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand.
- The on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations, provided that the movement of soils that are rated as "prime" by the Natural Resources Conservation Service shall not adversely affect agriculture in the Commonwealth.

The right to farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Westport. The foregoing agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust and fumes associated with these practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general.

The foregoing agricultural activities must be in conformance with applicable Federal, State laws, and local rules and regulations, to which reference is made as to more specific rights and obligations of the agricultural community and the Town.

The provisions of this By-law shall not apply whenever an impact results from willful negligence or reckless misconduct in the operation of any such agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility, or any of its appurtenances.

The following procedure is hereby encouraged to enhance early and effective resolution of farm-related issues:

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm is encouraged to, prior to filing a formal complaint, file an informal complaint (grievance) with the Select Board, Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO), Board of Health, or Conservation Commission, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other remedies that the aggrieved may have.

The ZEO or Select Board shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which/who shall review and mediate the grievance and report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate Town authority for further action. The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, and the Conservation Commission shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which/who shall review and mediate the grievance within an agreed upon timeframe, mediate the grievance and report its findings and recommendations to the Board.

WESTPORT AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

A motion to amend Article 63 by changing the word "shall" to "may" and deleting the phrase "mediate the grievance" which appears twice in the last paragraph was lost.

Voted: (Unanimously) to amend Article 63 to delete in the last paragraph, the phrase, "mediate the grievance".

Voted: (Unanimously) Article 63 as amended. Approved by Atty. Gen. 9/28/04.

Article 64

To amend section 3101.

To delete the words "regular police officer or" and "or any other permanent officer of either department

To accept Massachusetts General Law c41 s99A which states, "any member of the regular police...shall reside within fifteen miles of the limits of said city or town. Said distance shall be measured from the closest border limits of said city or town in which said member is employed to the closest border limits of the city or town in which said member lives.

BY PETITION

Voted: to postpone Article 64 indefinitely. Carried.

Article 65

The petitioners are requesting the renewal of the Ambulance Revolving Fund at the next Annual Town Meeting.

This allows the Fire Department to deposit into this fund receipts from Ambulance Fees from which costs not to exceed \$80,000 for the purchase of an ambulance, ambulance equipment, supplies and/or any incurred ambulance related expense, not to include salaries, which may be expended without further appropriation by the Fire Department.

BY PETITION

Voted: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 65.

Article 66

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Jillian Way at its next annual Town Meeting, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Voted: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 66.

Article 67

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Courtlyn Lane at its next annual Town Meeting, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Voted: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 67.

Article 68

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Shannon Drive at its next annual Town Meeting, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

No action was taken on Article 68. No motion made.

Article 69

To see if the Town will vote to accept Gabriela Drive as a Town Road in Westport, MA.

BY PETITION

Voted: to accept Article 69 as "Gabriela Lane". Carried.

Article 70

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Layout of Hunter's Way on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

No action was taken on Article 70. No motion made.

Article 71

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Layout of Field Stone Drive, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Voted: Carried.

Article 72

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Layout of Winterberry Lane, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Voted: Carried.

Article 73

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Layout of Longwood Drive, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Voted: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 73.

Article 74

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Layout of Meadowbrook Lane, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Voted: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 74.

Article 75

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Layout of Indian Trail Road, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Voted: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 75.

Article 76

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Layout of Miss Rachel Trail and or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

No action was taken on Article 76. No motion made.

Article 77

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Voted: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 77.

Article 4

VOTED: (Unanimously) Reserve Fund - \$143,902.00 with \$43,902. from Free Cash and \$100,000. from Taxation.

Voted: (Unanimously) to adjourn and dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

There were 165 registered voters and 8 guests and visitors in attendance.

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more copies in as many places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this 17th day of May in the year two thousand four.

Elizabeth A. Collins, Chair
Stewart Kirkaldy
Steven J. Ouellette
Richard M. Tongue

David P. Dionne
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson
Town Clerk
Westport, MA 02790

I this 20th day of May 2004, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station
State Road Package Store
Senior Center
Central Village Fire Station
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety
Town Hall

Daniel P. Sullivan
Constable of Westport

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WESTPORT
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
AUGUST 2, 2004**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

On Monday, the 2nd day of August next, it being the first Monday of the month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to vote on the following questions, viz:

Question No. 1:

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing 3 police cruisers/Unmarked Cars for the Police Department for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and four?

Yes _____ No _____

Question No. 2:

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to assess an additional \$275,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing a Tanker Truck for the Fire Department for the fiscal year

beginning July first two thousand and four?

Yes _____ No _____

Question No. 3:

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to assess an additional \$73,7000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing a Smoke/Heat Alarm System for the School Department for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and four?

Yes _____ No _____

Question No. 4:

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to assess an additional \$45,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing a Refrigerator/Freezer for the Elementary School for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and four?

Yes _____ No _____

Question No. 5:

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to assess an additional \$40,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing a Dump Truck for the Highway Department_for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and four?

Yes _____ No _____

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more attested copies thereof in as many public places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Westport this 24th day of June in the year two thousand four.

Elizabeth A. Collins, Chairwoman
Stewart Kirkaldy
Steven J. Ouellette
Richard M. Tongue
David P. Dionne
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson
Town Clerk
Westport, MA 02790
June 30, 2004

On this 30th day of June 2004, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station
State Road Package Store
Senior Center
Central Village Fire Station
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety
Town Hall

Daniel P. Sullivan
Constable of Westport

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION AUGUST 2, 2004

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the voters of the Town assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following questions, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result of the balloting from the five precincts as certified by the Precinct Officers, being as follows:

Question No. 1 - 3 Police Cruisers

Yes, six hundred eighty-six	686
No, one thousand eleven	1011
Blanks, twelve	12

Question No. 2 - Tanker Truck

Yes, eight hundred sixty-eight	868
No, eight hundred thirty-five	835
Blanks, six	6

Question No. 3 - Smoke/Heat Alarm System

Yes, seven hundred forty-four	744
No, nine hundred forty-nine	949
Blanks, sixteen	16

Question No. 4 - Refrigerator/Freezer

Yes, six hundred ninety-six	696
No, nine hundred ninety-five	995
Blanks, eighteen	18

Question No. 5 - Dump Truck

Yes, six hundred thirty-five	635
No, one thousand fifty-seven	1057
Blanks, seventeen	17

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF WESTPORT, MASSACHUSETTS WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at the following places:

PRECINCT A

American Legion Hall

489 Sanford Road

PRECINCT B
PRECINCT C
PRECINCT D
PRECINCT E

Town Hall Annex
Alice A. Macomber School
Fire Station
Westport High School

856 Main Road (rear)
154 Gifford Road
85 Briggs Road
19 Main Road

on Tuesday, The Fourteenth Day Of September, 2004 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following offices:

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR1st COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT1st BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT8th BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
SHERIFFBRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONERSBRISTOL COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 9th day of August, 2004.

Elizabeth A. Collins, Chair
Stewart Kirkaldy
Steven J. Ouellette
Richard M. Tongue
David P. Dionne
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson
Town Clerk
Westport, MA 02790
August 12, 2004

On this 12th day of August 2004, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station
State Road Package Store
Senior Center
Central Village Fire Station
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety
Town Hall

Daniel P. Sullivan
Constable of Westport

STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the candidates of political parties, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result of the balloting from the five precincts as certified by the Precinct Officers, being as follows:

DEMOCRATIC

Representative In Congress

Barney Frank had four hundred thirty-two	432	
Blanks, seventy-eight	78	

Councilor

Carole A. Fiola had three hundred sixty-three	363	
Blanks, one hundred forty-seven	147	

Senator In General Court

Joan M. Menard had four hundred eleven	411	
Blanks, ninety-nine	99	

Representative In General Court

Michael J. Rodrigues had four hundred thirty	430	
Blanks, eighty	80	

Sheriff

Leo O. Pelletier had three hundred seven	307	
Blanks, one hundred ninety-five		195
Thomas Hodgson (write-in) had eight	8	

County Commissioner

Arthur R. Machado had two hundred sixteen	216	
Christopher T. Saunders had one hundred forty		140
Gregory DeMelo had one hundred twenty-five	125	
Paul B. Kitchen had three hundred five		305
Blanks, two hundred thirty-four	234	

REPUBLICAN

Representative In Congress

Blanks, one hundred six		106
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Councilor

Blanks, one hundred six		106
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Senator In General Court

Blanks, one hundred six		106
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Representative In General Court

Blanks, one hundred five	105	
Mike Rodrigues (write-in) had one	1	

Sheriff

Thomas M. Hodgson had one hundred		100
Blanks, five	5	
Leo Pelletier (write-in) had one	1	

County Commissioner

Blanks, two hundred eight	208	
A. Machado (write-in) had one	1	
P. Kitchen (write-in) had three	3	

LIBERTARIAN & GREEN-RAINBOW

Representative In Congress

Councilor

Senator In General Court

Representative In General Court

Sheriff

County Commissioner

No ballots were cast for the Libertarian or Green-Rainbow Parties.

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WESTPORT
WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

On Tuesday, the 2nd day of November next, it being the first Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the state election for candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT	For the Commonwealth
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	4th Mass. Congressional District
COUNCILOR	1st Councilor District
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	1st Bristol Senatorial District
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	8th Bristol Representative District
SHERIFF	Bristol County
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	Bristol County

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more attested copies thereof

in as many public places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Westport this 18th day of October in the year two thousand four.

Elizabeth A. Collins
Stewart Kirkaldy
Steven J. Ouellette
Richard M. Tongue
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson
Town Clerk
Westport, MA 02790
October 20, 2004

On this 20th day of October 2004, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station
State Road Package Store
Senior Center
Central Village Fire Station
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety
Town Hall

Daniel Sullivan
Constable of Westport

STATE ELECTION November 2, 2004

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the polling places in their respective precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following named persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result from the five precincts, as certified by the precinct officers being as follows:

President & Vice President

Badnarik and Campagna had thirty-seven	37	
Bush and Cheney had two thousand eight hundred sixty-seven		2867
Cobb and LaMarche had twenty		20
Kerry and Edwards had five thousand one hundred thirty-nine	5139	
Ralph Nadar (write-in) had twenty-eight	28	
Blanks, thirty-six	36	

Representative In Congress

Barney Frank had six thousand forty	6040
Charles A. Morse had one thousand six hundred twenty-eight	1628
Blanks, four hundred fifty-nine	459

Councilor

Carole A. Fiola had five thousand five hundred fifty-four		5554
Blanks, two thousand five hundred seventy-three	2573	

Senator In General Court

Joan M. Menard had five thousand nine hundred fifty-nine	5959	
Blanks, two thousand one hundred sixty-eight	2168	
<u>Representative In General Court</u>		
Michael J. Rodrigues had six thousand five hundred forty-two	6542	
Blanks, one thousand five hundred eighty-five	1585	
<u>Sheriff</u>		
Thomas M. Hodgson had four thousand eight hundred fifty-seven	4857	
Leo O. Pelletier had two thousand nine hundred forty-three	2943	
Blanks, three hundred twenty-seven	327	
<u>County Commissioner</u>		
Arthur R. Machado had four thousand eight hundred twenty-eight	4828	
Christopher T. Saunders had three thousand eight hundred eighty-two		3882
Blanks, seven thousand five hundred forty-four		7544
A true record, Attest:		
Marlene M. Samson Town Clerk		

November 15, 2004

This is to certify the results of the Provisional and Overseas Ballots cast at the State Election held November 2, 2004.

President & Vice President

Badnarik and Campagna had zero	0
Bush and Cheney had two	2
Cobb and LaMarche had zero	0
Kerry and Edwards had ten	10
Ralph Nadar (write-in) had zero	0
Blanks, zero	0

Representative In Congress

Barney Frank had eight		8
Charles A. Morse had two	2	
Blanks, two	2	

Councilor

Carole A. Fiola had eight	8
Blanks, four	4

Senator In General Court

Joan M. Menard had seven	7
Blanks, five	5

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Michael J. Rodrigues had eight	8
Blanks, four	4

Sheriff

Thomas M. Hodgson had three		3
Leo O. Pelletier had six		6
Blanks, three	3	

County Commissioner

Arthur R. Machado had seven	7	
Christopher T. Saunders had four	4	
Blanks, thirteen		13

A true record,
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson
Town Clerk



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Westport Agricultural Commission Hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2004. The organization is as follows:

Members

Shirley Robbins, Co-Chair
Rob Russell, Co-Chair
John Bettencourt
Ed Ferreiro
Karl Santos
John Jay Sylvia
Jay Tripp

Alternates

Phyllis Michalewich
Sandi Porter
Ron Potter
Steve Sampson
Jim Wood

Advisors

Barbara Hanley, Secretary
Gaelen Canning
Charlie Costa
Anthony Cucchi
Trip Millikin

MISSION

To facilitate and encourage the pursuit of agriculture in Westport, and to promote agricultural based opportunities in town.

This past year we said goodbye to two of our original Members, Russell Davis and George Medeiros. Their wisdom, experience, and humor were a great asset to the AgCom, and they are much missed. As soon as the new Members and Alternates were sworn in this past year, Advisor Gaelen Canning helped the AgCom set its goals for 2004-2005, as she does each year. Although we are only part through our year as of this writing, we have done well meeting our Goals.

Goal 1: Maintain Improved Relation with Town Boards

This goal includes mediation between farmers and town boards and state agencies. When complaints are register by residents to town boards or other agencies regarding agricultural activities, the AgCom immediately appoints two or three peers to get involved. The team works with the farmer, board members, and town staff to educate where needed, and to reach a consensus if at all possible. Westport AgCom has been quite successful with this goal, thanks to the hard work of its members and the commitment of town boards to work together for the greater good of Westport. Communication is productive, not divisive!

Goal 2: Improve AgCom Operations

One of the ways AgCom has succeeded is through the help of its non-farmer Advisors and Friends of Farmers, a group of people with diverse skills that complement the farming community. The Friends of Farmers include:

Alyn Carlson Webster
Alexandria Mauck
Tom McGarr
Jeff Bull
Gay Gillespie

Tom Wilde
Gerry Coutinho
Peter Canning
Parker Mauck
Claude Ledoux

In the fall 2003, the AgCom had a Sunday lunch at the LongAcre House to thank the Friends and Advisors for their good work. The Friends have worked on grants, created our "Living Next to a Farm" brochure, and helped man our booth at fairs. When we wanted to get the Right to Farm article passed, the Friends sprang into action. Alyn Carlson Webster had Macomber School children write poems about their connection to Westport's farms. She then picked several and created art to illustrate the poems, bringing these children, their families, and the community closer to the meaning of farms and farmers for Westport.

Goal 3: Meet Specific Needs of Farmers

The AgCom, its Advisors, and Friends have explored the creation of a local dairy venture, and have investigated the possibility of organic dairy farms. Every other year we host the joint Dartmouth-Westport Farmers Dinner, a chance for the two towns' farmers to gather for fun and strengthening ties; attendance has grown each year to 130-plus farmers and their families. During the year, there are opportunities to meet with state and federal officials to seek expertise to support our farmers. Additionally, we have assisted in and supported the creation of several new AgCom's around Massachusetts. We started through the help of Dartmouth's AgCom, and our group is looked to as a model of what can be accomplished.

Summary

The AgCom met monthly throughout the year and always had a quorum in attendance.

During 2004, the AgCom received a number of requests for assistance in dealing with specific farm issues from the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission especially. In each instance, the Commission determined the suitability of the request within the AgCom mission and, as appropriate,

worked to mediate solutions. Such assistance included helping farmers to comply with Town requirements, helping farmers develop specific plans to rectify situations, and helping farms apply for grant moneys.

The AgCom also provided forums to circulate information relevant to and supportive of farming – for example, the Living Near a Farm brochure, information on the EQUIP program, a meeting to learn about organic dairy farming, the DAR AgCom workshop, and communication to support the restructuring of the Farm Service Agency in Bristol County. The AgCom drafted Westport's Right to Farm by-law, passed by the 2004 Town Meeting.

Finally, the AgCom continued to provide a forum through which farmers could raise issues, questions and concerns and to provide opportunities for farmers in Westport, Dartmouth and neighboring towns to meet and exchange ideas.

We welcome all questions, feedback, ideas, and volunteers! Please contact a member of AgCom or the Secretary (636-8826 or WestportAgCom@cs.com).

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST COUNCIL

The Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Council respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

During its third year of voter authorization, the Trust Council has continued to pursue protection of open space on behalf of Westport's citizens. The Council is continuing to oversee the use of the \$1.5 million of borrowing power, which was approved by the voters of Westport in 2001. Consideration of the Public Trust continues to be of paramount importance in all Council funding recommendations. Watchful and thrifty investment of funds entrusted to our care, continues to be shared with partnering agreements between the Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLT), The Trustees of Reservations, the Westport Community Preservation Committee (CPC), the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Agricultural Resources (APR). Partnering has helped to achieve considerable results with minimal investment of Town funding.

During the past year two additional projects were completed, protecting another 23 acres of: "A Quiet Place Farm", off Drift Rd and the Town's acquisition of 90 acres of the Santos Farm on Route 177 for recreation and open space. The total value of these and all other projects completed to date is approximately \$4.6 million, with about 32 percent paid by the Town (Council and CPC) and the balance paid by State funds and private contributions. Donations from the landowners further reduced the purchase prices.

In addition to assisting the Trust Council in accomplishing the projects above, the Westport Land Conservation Trust and The Trustees of Reservations were able to conserve two other properties in Westport over the past year, protecting an additional 76 acres. These properties include:

Two conservation restrictions; donated jointly to the Westport Land Conservation Trust and The Trustees of Reservations; the White property on Fisherville Lane (66 acres, Map 75, Lot 5), and a portion of the Schildkrout property on Horseneck Road (10 acres of Map 75, Lot 8).

The Trust Council and its Partners are continuing to work together on other parcels comprising about 90 acres. Completion of those projects is anticipated during 2005.

Remaining Council funds, after present commitments are approximately \$300,000.

As chairman of the Trust Council, I wish to thank my co-workers; Karl Santos, George Foster, Jack Baughan, Suzan Pedreira, David Wallace, Charles Costa, Vice-Chairman, Elizabeth Collins and Carlton Lees for their assistance and work on behalf of the Town.

Special thanks to the Westport Land Conservation Trust, The Trustees of Reservations, the Westport Finance Committee, and the Board of Selectmen, for their help and continuing support and a special acknowledgment for the immeasurable help provided by Anthony Cucchi of the Westport Land Conservation Office.

Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Council funding status December 15, 2004:

Date	Purchase	Value	Area	Council Cost
9/12/01	Davis Farm, Sanford Road	\$300K	13 Acres	\$180K
	Town ownership, recreation, agricultural and open space			
6/17/02	Waite Farm, Division Road	\$230K	34 Acres	\$115K
	Waite ownership			
9/18/02	Hadfield (Krause) prop, Cornell Road	\$425K	50 Acres	\$100K
	Town, WLT, TTOR, DFW ownership, recreation and open space			
2/26/03	H. Tripp Farm, Hix Bridge Road	\$1.15M	160 Acres	\$115K
	H. Tripp ownership			
9/3/03	LeeTripp Farm, Horseneck Road	\$900K	55 Acres	\$187.5K
	L. Tripp ownership			
2/18/04	L. Santos Farm, Route 177	\$1M	90 Acres	\$250K
	Town ownership, recreation and open space. (\$500K from CPC)			
7/12/04	Hadfield Tree Farm, Drift Road	\$870K	23 Acres	\$200K
	Hadfield ownership			
Totals		Approx. \$4,575M	402 Acres	\$967.5K
		(Town share, about \$2400.00/acre)		

Remaining borrowing authorization, after existing commitments approximately \$300K.

NOTE: Cost figures are gross Council dollar commitments and, do not include finance or other costs.

Status of Westport protected lands as of December, 2004.

1- State, Fall River and Federally owned Lands	963 Acres
2- Town-owned lands, approximately	1,100 Acres
3- Lands gifted to Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLT)	429 Acres
4- Agricultural Preservation Restrictions (APR)	1,822 Acres
5- Conservation Restrictions held by WLT and/or TTOR	450 Acres
Total	4,763 Acres

Respectfully submitted,

Claude Ledoux, Chairman
Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Council

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT ARTS COUNCIL

The Westport Arts Council hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2004. The organization of is as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Whitmore Boogaerts	6/30/05
George Cataldo	6/30/05

Elaine Ostroff	6/30/05
Carolyn Kaiser	6/30/05
Betty Spray	6/30/06
Henry Swan	6/30/06
Carol Vidal	6/30/06

The Westport Arts Council administered two grant programs during the year 2004: \$2,550 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and \$15,278 from the Helen Ellis Charitable Trust.

Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant: \$2,550

The following nine applicants were granted full or partial funding:

<u>NAME OF RECIPIENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT GRANTED</u>
Beth Easterly	Capturing a Life in Theatre	\$350
Westport Elementary School	Grade trip to RISD	\$300
Westport Free Public Library	Children's program about geography of United States – Ages 3 –11	\$300
Kathryn Grover	Early Architecture of Old Dartmouth (Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford, Westport)	\$250
Greater New Bedford Choral Society	Winter Concert	\$200
ArtWorks! Partners for the Arts & Community	Art Internships for Teens	\$250
Macomber Head Start (CFC Head Start) Macomber School	Science of Sound/Sizzle/Sizzle, Brr	\$200
Concerts at the Point	Borromeo String Quartet Concert	\$500
South Coast Community Chorale	Spring Concert	\$200

The Helen Ellis Charitable Trust: \$15,278

The following eleven applicants were granted full or partial funding.

<u>NAME OF RECIPIENT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF EVENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT GRANTED</u>
Westport Middle School \$1500	Two assemblies for 650 students during 2004-2005 school year (musical/theatrical/storytelling)	
Westport River Gardeners	Evaluate, purchase materials and restore the	\$500

Trueblood Memorial Gardens

Westport Free Public Library	Sparky's Puppets show for ages 3 to 10	\$245
Robert St. Amour	Senior Entertainment for Westport residents	\$110
Early Learning Childhood Center Macomber School c/o Jane Dufault	December Holiday Program at BCC for 1 st Graders On Stage Theatrical Productions, Inc. hour long Program including ballet, dance & theater	\$1025
Patricia Sheppard, Ed. Dir. Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies	Feather Focus, a hands-on experience designed to introduce elementary school students to birds	\$2000
Westport River Watershed Alliance	Publication for Town and residents about the water quality of the Westport River for the 14 years	\$1500
Westport Elementary School	RISD Nature Lab Spring 2004 for 4 th graders 150 children	\$1398
Rosamund Wadsworth Concerts at the Point	2 nd concert 2003-2004 season Walden Chamber Players October 24 th & 25 th , 2004 for Middle School	\$3500
Westport Arts Council	Web site for Westport Arts Council	\$2500
Westport Free Public Library	Organize CD collection given by Claude Ledoux	\$1000

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals is submitting its report for the year ending December 31, 2004. The organization of the Board is as follows:

Clayton Harrison – Chairman	Term expires 6/30/2009
Gerald Coutinho – Vice-Chairman	Term expires 6/30/2007
Donna Lambert – Clerk	Term expires 6/30/2005
Kendal D. Tripp	Term expires 6/30/2006
Christopher Graham	Term expires 6/30/2008
Barbara Hanley – Associate	Term expires 6/30/2005
Margot desJardins – Associate	Term expires 6/30/2005
Maria I. Branco	Recording Clerk

During the calendar year, the Board conducted hearings on eight (9) matters as follows: One Application for a Comprehensive Permit filed by Briggs Landing, LP of New Bedford. The preliminary plan called for 117 single-family homes and 66 age-restricted townhouse condominiums to be located at Tickle/Chabot Road. After several hearings, the Board denied the Comprehensive Permit without prejudice, allowing the Applicant to re-file with new plans. The Applicant has not re-filed as of the date of this writing; five (5) variances were granted as follows: 3 setback requirements and 2 frontage requirements. The Board denied a Special Permit for use of an accessory building for a business that

is not an allowed use under the By-Laws. The Board granted a Special Permit for the construction of a private golf course on American Legion Highway. An application for Special Permit filed by National Grid Communications d/b/a Cingular Wireless for construction of a telecommunications tower at Main Road in a residential area is currently pending.

I remain the Appeals Board representative to the Master Plan Update Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton Harrison, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 2004 with organization as follows:

Mr. Stephen J. Medeiros, Chairman
Mr. John J. McDermott
Mr. Robert Grillo

Mr. Paul A Matheson III, Assistant Assessor/Appraiser
Ms. Sharon M. Potter, Office Manager
Mrs. Sharon L. Martori, Senior Clerk (Retired 12/31/04)
Ms. Carol F. Tripp, Clerk

Tax Rate Summary for Fiscal 2005:

Fiscal 2005 Tax Rate \$6.14 per m.

I.	Tax Levy Calculation		
A.	Total amount to be raised		\$26,400,278.46
B.	Total Estimated Receipts & Available funds		10,529,643.00
C.	Tax Levy		\$15,870,635.46
II.	Amount to be Raised		
A.	Appropriations		\$25,398,814.00
B.	Other amounts to be raised:		
	Total cherry sheet offsets	115,199.00	
	Snow & Ice deficit	67,095.32	
	Total II B.		182,294.32
C.	State and County Cherry Sheet Charges		428,364.00
D.	Allowance for abatements and exemptions		390,806.14
E.	Total Amount to be Raised		\$26,400,278.46
III.	Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources		
A.	Estimated receipts – State		
	1. Cherry Sheet estimated receipts	5,535,705.00	
	2. Cherry Sheet overestimates		
	Total III. A		\$ 5,535,705.00
B.	Estimated Receipts-Local		
	1. Local receipts not allocated	3,238,748.00	
	2. Offset receipts	0.00	
	3. Enterprise funds	212,738.00	
	4. Community Preservation funds	745,478.00	
	Total III. B		\$ 4,196,964.00

C.	Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes	
1.	Free Cash	153,088.00
2.	Other Available Funds	643,886.00
	Total III. C	\$ 796,974.00
D.	Other Revenue Sources Appropriated Specifically to Reduce the Tax Rate	00.00
E.	Total Estimated Receipts and Other Sources	\$10,529,643.00
IV.	Summary of Total Amount to be Raised and Total Receipts from All Sources	
A.	Total amount to be raised	\$26,400,278.46
B.	Total estimated receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$10,529,643.00
C.	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Levy	\$15,870,635.46
D.	Total Receipts From All Sources	\$26,400,278.46

Under General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 10, we classify property reportable to the State as follows:

Property Class	# of Parcels	Valuation as of 1/1/2004
101-Single Family	5345	1,943,198,700
102-Condominium	76	17,715,600
Misc-Res 103,109	156	96,518,100
104-Two Family	326	108,613,500
105-Three Family	13	4,120,100
111-125 4-8 Units	27	11,064,000
130-32&106 Vacant Land	1388	152,117,400
300-393 Commercial	252	96,255,120
400-452 Industrial	17	6,825,800
Ch 61 Forest Land	26	1,060,810
Ch 61A Agricultural	250	7,309,230
Ch 61B Recreational	15	4,132,910
012-043 Mixed Use	200	104,388,400
Total Real Estate	8091	2,553,319,670
Personal Property	972	10,653,930
Public Utilities	11	20,820,450
Total Personal Property	983	31,474,380

Number of Transfers of Property in 2004 607

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2004

Number of Vehicles Assessed \$25. Per m.	20,438
Excise Assessed	\$1,876,974.06
Valuation of Automobiles	85,398,850

Farm Animal Excise Tax

Number of Farms	23
Excise assessed \$5. Per m.	\$3,888.58

Valuation of Animals & Machinery

777,715.00

Boat Excise Tax

Number of Boats	1184
Excise assessed \$10. Per m.	\$60,250.00
Valuation of Boats	6,025,000

We wish to thank the various departments in the Town Hall for their continued cooperation during the year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year ending 2004.

The Board Of Health Organized As Follows:

Chairman	Sean M. Leach
Secretary	Donna Lambert
Member	Brenda J. Burke

Appointments To Board Of Health Department

Ralph Urban	Sr. Public Health Agent/State Animal Inspector
Beth M. Hallal	Full-time Health Agent/State Animal Inspector
Debra Charette-Vieira (Left Position 7/23/04)	Part-time Health Agent/Tobacco Control
Rosemary Capone-Wilding (Hired 10/4/04)	Part-time Health Agent/Tobacco Control
Nancy J. Paquet	Principal Clerk-Full time
Patricia Kershaw	Senior Clerk-Full time
Lucy Tabit	Recording Clerk
Harold J. Sisson (Left Position 4/5/04)	Landfill Worker
Keith Spooner	Landfill Worker
Raymond Larner (Hired 7/16/04)	Landfill Worker
Dr. Stewart Kirkaldy	Medical Advisor
Marlene Samson	Burial Agent/Special Board of Health Agent

Nursing Department

Kathleen Burns, R.N	Part-time Public Health Nurse
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Licensed Funeral Directors

Jonathan H. Potter Jr.
Harry L. Potter
Shane Erickson Potter

Certificates, Licenses, Permits, & Applications Issued:

Bakery Permits: 4; Bottled Water Permits: 5; Catering Permits: 7; Food Service Est. Permits: 33; Frozen Dessert Permits: 2; Mobile Food Service Permit: 0; Pasteurization Permit: 1; Residential Kitchen Permits: 3; Retail Food Service Permits: 22; Seasonal Food Service Permits: 9; Temp. Food Service Permits: 14; Above-Ground Pool Permits: 27; Camps/Motels Permits: 6; Duplicate Permit Issued: 1; Equine Permits: 24; Funeral Director Certificates: 3; Garbage Removal Permits: 5; In-Ground Pool Permits: 21; Installer's Permits: 58; Massage Establishment Permits: 4; Massage Therapy Permits: 9; Perc Applications-New Construction & Upgrades: 212; Perc Applications-Repairs: 123; Extra Perc Holes: 43; Soil Stratas Applications: 3; Water Tables Applications: 3; 1-4 Piggery Permits: 10; Piggery Permits: 2; Port-a-Jon Permits: 6; Semi Private Pool Permits: 1; Septic Repair Permits Issued: 132 (41 w/ Variances); Septic Application Submission New Construction: 143; Septic New Construction Permits Issued: 104; Septic Upgrades Permits Issued: 16; Septic Permits 1 Yr. Ext. Issued: 3; Septic Plan Revision Reviews: 21; Sewage Removal Permits: 12; Stable Permits: 20; Tanning Salon Permits: 1; Tobacco Permits: 16; Well Permits: 130; Late Renewal Penalties: 17; Smoking Violation Tickets: 3; Non-Criminal Disposition Ticket: 5; Regulation Violation: 4; Shell Application: 1; Shell Permit: 1.

Animal Bite Reports:

Dog bites:	2
Cat bites:	5
Other:	0

Transfer Station Collections:

738 tons of recyclables, which include cardboard, scrap metal, tin, magazine/junk mail, newspaper, plastics #1 & #2, glass (clothing tonnage was not included in the recyclables). Payments totaling \$20,774 were received from the various recycling vendors during the year 2004. An additional 298 tons of recyclables were collected by ABC Disposal, Inc.

2,173 tons of Municipal Solid Waste/C&D were transferred to New Bedford Waste Services during 2004, which cost the Town \$179,832.

Board Of Health Goals:

The Board meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

Emergency response to the oil spill in the spring provided some new experience for the staff. Ground and surface water quality were at the forefront of the Board's attention. New contaminated areas were discovered throughout the town, and the Board kept active with the DEP in the monitoring of these sites. Of special concern was the discovery of Perchlorate contamination in water supply around the Westport High School.

Because of the on-going problems with water quality, a great deal of 2004 proved to be an active regulatory time for the Board. The Board adopted new regulations aimed at protecting health and environment. Among the regulations was a comprehensive septic system maintenance regulation, insuring the regular pumping of septic systems throughout the Town. The Board took the lead in trying to get a town wide water-sampling program by obtaining a reduced rate at a local laboratory.

Our Town Nurse, Kathy Burns, department performed spectacularly in the face of a Flu vaccine crisis, and continued to provide a valuable community service through various health clinics.

Board of Health Members and agents were active serving on several committees including the Housing Partnership, the Water and Sewer Committee, and Master Plan Update Committee.

In regular business, the Board continued to see a number of septic repairs and upgrades as well as new construction percolation tests. Because road kill remained a time consuming endeavor, the Board has considered pursuing an animal control officer position.

The Board has set ambitious goals for the upcoming years. Among these goals are:

To adopt educational programs and to increase recycling and composting efforts, disease prevention and awareness, and protection of the natural resources in the town

To improve the enforcement of public health regulations by increasing fines to violators and maintaining a stronger presence in the community

To promote, monitor, and improve the public health and welfare by protecting valuable water resources through the promulgation of regulations aimed at exceeding minimal standards, to improve the ability of the Board of protect public health

To increase the professionalism of the office, and the knowledge and awareness of the staff workers,

Finally the Board wishes to thank the agents, secretarial staff and the Town Nurse for their outstanding effort and invaluable help throughout the year. Their professionalism is a credit to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Leach, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH NURSING DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the report for the Nursing Department for the year 2004.

Group of Professional Personnel

Kathleen Burns R.N.
J.K.S. Kirkaldy, M.D.
Jean Leimert, M.D
Carmen Maiocco

Part-time Staff Nurse
Medical Advisor
Well Child Clinic Pediatrician
Lead Testing

Clinic Volunteers

Germaine Baker
Jeanne Aquilia

Nursing services rendered from 1/1/04 through 12/31/04

Well Child Clinic

Total Exams	25
D.T.A.P. Vaccine	06

M.M.R. Vaccine		07
Prenar Vaccine	05	
I.P.V. Vaccine	05	
H.I.B. Vaccine	07	
Lead Tests	06	
Hepatitis B Vaccine	06	
Varivax Vaccine	..03	
Tuberculosis Screening Assessment	05	

Office Visits and Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinic/ Walk-In	844
Flu shots	640
Mantoux Tests	09
B12 Injections	88
Glucose Screenings	12
Blood Pressure Clinic @ Senior Center	140
Dressing changes	04

Communicable Disease Follow-up (New Cases This Year)

Chicken Pox	04
Pertussis	11
Hepatitis A	01
Hepatitis B	01
Enteric	12
Lyme Disease	32
Viral Meningitis	03
Ehrlichiosis	02
Babesiosis	04
Pneumonia	01

Adult Immunizations

Measles, Mumps and Rubella	04	
Tetanus and Diphtheria		15
Hepatitis B	13	
Pneumonia	12	
Hepatitis A	01	
Varivax	02	

Adolescent Immunizations

Hepatitis B	12
Tetanus & Diphtheria	19
Varivax	01

<u>Home Visits</u>	39
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<u>Maternal & Child Health Follow-ups</u>	01
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WIC Satellite Program held monthly

Durable Medical Equipment – The Town Nurse accepts donations of equipment to loan to others in need.

The responsibilities of the Westport Town Nurse include protecting, preserving, and improving the health of the town residents. This is accomplished through the following services provided:

1). Blood Pressure Clinics: scheduled for every Monday @ 9:00 a.m. -12 noon. Clients also come in at other times for readings and I will always try to accommodate them. BP clinics include education on medication, nutrition, and healthy life styles. Apical pulse readings and lung auscultation are also performed as needed.

Chronic diseases, which include cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes, are among the most common and preventable health problems. Teaching healthy behaviors (e.g. eating nutritious foods, being physically active, and avoiding tobacco use) can prevent or control chronic diseases.

Doctors also recommend having their clients come in for regular BP reading to evaluate the need for medication or change of medication.

2). Communicable disease case investigations and case reports: mandated by the MDPH, are an important part of the town nurse's duties. There has been an increase in the amount of communicable disease reports in 2004. These reports help document and describe the extent of disease in a population, spread of disease to new areas, and assess control measures. During the investigation, education and support are provided to the client, and at risk contacts are identified to prevent further transmission of the disease. In the winter of 2004, there was a cluster of Pertussis cases at the Westport Middle School. With the aid of the school nurse, all of the students and parents were notified, the contagious period determined, case reports completed, and contacts notified to consult their physician for treatment.

3). Well-Child Clinic: provided every 1-2 months, by appointment only, for children birth to 5 years of age for Westport residents. This clinic is free and children are eligible regardless of health insurance. All immunizations and lead testing required by the MDPH are given as well as height and weight check. The pediatric physician for the clinics is Dr. Jean Leimert, who completes a physical exam on each child. Health records are maintained for each child.

4). Immunizations: In addition to the required childhood vaccines, the MDPH expanded the availability of state-supplied vaccines for high-risk adults this year. Also, vaccines required for college entry became available again. There is however patient eligibility criteria for the administration of these vaccines Tetanus boosters and pneumonia vaccine remain available. Benefits of vaccination include partial or complete protection against the consequences of infection for the vaccinated person. Benefits include protection from symptomatic illness, improved quality of life, and prevention of death.

5). Flu Clinics: Due to the initial shortage of Flu vaccine this year and the new MDPH guidelines for dispensing the vaccine, alternate ways of having flu clinics had to be implemented. Instead of one large clinic, ten clinics were scheduled by appointment only. This allowed for a screening process to be completed as directed by the MDPH. Two additional clinics were at the senior center for the day-care clients. Total distribution of vaccine = 640 doses. This was 200 more doses than I have been allotted in previous years. This flu crisis caused additional challenges to be met, including numerous phone calls and messages, appointments to be made, an increase in office time spent on clinics, additional trips to MDPH for vaccine pick-up, and increase in paperwork. The Board of Health staff and my faithful volunteers were supportive and assisted me in these endeavors.

In 2004, the Nursing Department became a participating Provider in Medicare Part B Program. This will allow for reimbursement for the administration of the Flu vaccine to those subscribed to Medicare Part B. Insurance. The vaccine is provided free from the MDPH. The reimbursements will be deposited in the general fund

Other duties of the Town Nurse include vaccine management, vaccine distribution, referrals to other agencies or resources, and being involved in community health meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burns, R.N.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 2004 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty-five years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The Mosquito Control Project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitos.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

Catch Basin Treatment- To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Light Trapping Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number, useful to determine what areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes and need control.

Mosquito Viral Surveillance - Cooperative program with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to monitor for Eastern Equine Encephalitis, West Nile Virus and Highlands Jay Virus in the adult mosquito population.

Water Management - A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are Compatible with its integrated pest management program to reduce environmental impact. We use as many of the biological insecticides that are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are currently using two different formulations of bacterial larvicides, VectoLex™ and B.T.I.-based products, in our larval control program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to meet label requirements adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project in Westport:

- Sprayed over 16,076 acres
- Treated 33.2 acres in 21 locations with BTI for mosquito larvae
- Received 680 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 7,091 feet of brush
- Performed 580 feet of ditch maintenance with power equipment

In a cooperative program with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project has been trapping mosquitoes throughout Bristol County. As of October 31, 2004, there was one isolate of West Nile Virus, seventeen isolates of Eastern Equine Encephalitis and four isolates of Highlands Jay Virus from mosquitoes. There were no equine or human cases of West Nile Virus or Eastern Equine Encephalitis in Bristol County during the 2004 mosquito season.

I would like to thank the Town officials and the people of Westport for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management

work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne N. Andrews, Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Buildings for the year ending December 31, 2004.

A total of 635 building permits were issued. One hundred-sixteen woodstove, fireplace and chimney permits were processed. The total valuation for all permits was \$44,134,811.

109	Single Family Dwellings* (136 submitted)....\$	
23,924,128		
1	Duplex.....	289,960
124		
	Foundations.....	1,207,36
0		
3	Accessory	
	Apartments.....	138,460
66	A l t e r a t i o n s	a n d
	Additions.....	2,893,544
35	G a r a g e s (with or w/o	
	additions).....	1,569,890
28	R e n o v a t i o n s	a n d
	Repairs.....	924,502
40	Replacements	
	Windows.....	329,715
46	D e c k s	a n d
	Porches.....	586,680
8	G r e e n h o u s e s	&
	Sunrooms.....	182,820
37	Sheds & Barns	409,819
30	Aboveground Pools.....	104,863
19	Inground	
	Pools.....	330,640
116	Woodstoves, Chimneys,	
	Fireplaces.....	471,610
16	Demolitions.....	N/V
1	Tank Removal.....	N/V
32		
	Commercial.....	1,519,92
0		
3	Clubs, Organizations, Churches.....	8,800
1	Handicap Ramps.....	500
1	Pergola.....	40,000
1	Relocated Premises.....	N/V
2	40B's [15 Duplex Units	

17 Foundations
 2 Apartment Complexes (84
 Units)].....9,201,600

Grand Total \$44,134,811

66 Yard Sale Permits (102 Days)

Fees to Treasurer.....\$137,524
 (Including Building Permits, Yard Sale Permits, Woodstove
 Booklets, Requested Inspections, Certification Inspections, Re-
 Inspections, Occupancy Permits, etc.)

Miles Traveled.....7,344

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Maltais
 Inspector of Buildings

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of the inspections made by the Gas Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2004. Included are all residential, commercial, club and municipal permits.

Rough
 Inspections.....135
 Final
 Inspections.....127
 Unit Heaters7
 Boilers.....6
 Gas Fireplaces.....6
 Furnaces.....8
 Fireplace Inserts.....1
 Generators.....5
 Direct Vent Heaters.....9
 Space Heaters.....1
 First Stage.....17
 Piping.....4
 Ranges.....
 12
 Ovens.....1
 Grills.....2
 Cooktops.....2
 Fryolators.....1
 Chimneys.....1
 Gas Lights.....1

Pool Heaters.....	5
M e t e r C u t Backs.....	5
Building Department Requests.....	3
Consultations.....	5
Follow-Ups.....	1
Re-Inspections.....	12
Conversion Burners.....	1
T o t a l I n s p e c t i o n s Made.....	377
T o t a l P e r m i t s Issued.....	300
F e e s t o t h e Treasurer.....	\$13,563
Miles Traveled.....	2,637

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Labonte,
Gas Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of inspections made by the Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2004. Included are all residential, commercial, club and municipal permits.

Rough Inspections.....	273
Final Inspections.....	231
Water Heaters.....	6
W a t e r M e t e r / W a t e r Service.....	2
Septic Pumps.....	18
Back-Flow Preventors.....	11
Kitchen Sinks/Dishwashers.....	2
Water Piping.....	1
B u i l d i n g D e p a r t m e n t Requests.....	5
Toilets.....	1
Water Filters.....	3
Boilers.....	1
Consultations.....	1

Fire.....	1
Re-Inspections.....	19
T o t a l I n s p e c t i o n s	
Made.....	575
T o t a l P e r m i t s	
Issued.....	305
F e e s P a i d t o	
Treasurer.....	\$32,996
Miles	
Traveled.....	3,958

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Labonte
Plumbing Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my report as Wire Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2004.

S i n g l e F a m i l y D w e l l i n g s ,	
Overhead.....	52
Single Family Dwellings, Underground.....	72
Duplexes.....	
.3	
A l t e r a t i o n s a n d	
Additions.....	69
New Services, Overhead.....	57
New Services, Underground.....	18
Rewire and Repair.....	13
Barns,	
Sheds.....	5
Garages.....	15
Commercial.....	6
0	
A l a r m s a n d S e c u r i t y	
Systems.....	43
Temporary	
Services.....	21
Upgrade Services.....	11
Relocate/Repair Services.....	7
S e r v i c e E n t r y C a b l e , M e t e r	
Socket.....	7
Transformer Pads.....	3
Septic	
Pumps.....	33
Water	

Pumps.....	0
Hot	
Tubs.....	1
Boilers/Furnaces.....	3
Generators.....	2
Pools,	
Inground.....	21
Pools, Aboveground.....	15
Municipal, Federal, State, Churches,	
Fairs.....	9
Greenhouses.....	0
Road Layouts.....	6
Poles.....	4
G.F.I.....	1
East Beach Trailer Service Repairs.....	6
Annual Permits.....	1
Fire.....	1
Re-Inspections, Additional Fees.....	67
Trailer Inspections.....	81
M i l e s t r a v e l e d b y	
Inspectors.....	9,286
Fees paid to Treasure.....	\$41,468

Respectfully submitted,

William Plamondon
Dane Winship
Assistant Inspectors of Wires

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Westport Cable Advisory Committee is submitting its report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

The Committee has met twice each month with regard to the multiple tasks before them. Two employees have been hired and have been very busy putting together the office/studio in the Town Hall Annex and preparing the required equipment to be used at the Legion Hall. The Legion Hall facility is operational and will have the ability for live broadcasts. Programming schedules and development has been accomplished. The area in the Town Hall Annex, which is handicap accessible, offers televising opportunities to the Town Departments for all Public Meetings. It is the goal of the Committee to bring Town government into the homes of the taxpayers of Westport. The objective is to provide the public information and allow residents to see first hand the hard working people who serve them, mostly unpaid, who serve them and make the resources available to create informed voters.

The public has been offered the opportunity to bring their own programs forth. Mr. Briggs and

Mr. Albert are available for training and production advice. Equipment is available for these endeavors. The room at the Annex is available for broadcasting live and on tape. A secure room for use in editing and mini-studio was needed and we wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for allowing us this access.

I wish to thank my Committee for their diligent efforts, expertise and dedication in working towards the conclusion of these endeavors. Carlton Lees, George Cataldo, Robert Rayno, Grace Newcomer and Paula Cummings; thank you for your total support and continued efforts in attaining these goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Leone F. Farias, Chair
Westport Cable Advisory Committee

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the report for the Cemetery Department for the year 2004.

Reimbursements to the Town of Westport

60 Interments	\$ 23,250.00
28 Cremations	4,200.00
92 Foundations	7,883.49
53 Grass & Device	2,120.00
15 Saturday & Sunday Fees	3,000.00
Sale of Lots	23,850.00
Perpetual Care	<u>36,400.00</u>

Total \$100,703.49

Respectfully submitted,

Westell G. Norman Jr.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITIZENS FOR CITIZENS, INC. REPRESENTATIVE

Mission Statement

Originally established under the auspices of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the Fall River Community Action Agency (FRCAA) was borne. At that time, FRCAA served only the City of Fall River. In 1965, FRCAA was asked to expand its jurisdiction to a more regional area. This resulted in the creation of a private, non-profit agency to be known as Citizens for Citizens, Inc. (CFC). The original service area of CFC was Fall River, Freetown, Somerset, Swansea and Westport. Subsequently, CFC was asked to represent additional areas to the extent feasible and permissible. This included Taunton,

Attleboro, Berkley, Dighton, Rehoboth, Seekonk, and Lakeville.

It is Citizen for Citizen's mission to: assist members of the low-income community by the provision of services and programs which attack the cycle of poverty; advocate on behalf of low-income people with government agencies, private agencies and the community at large; be a major player in the area Human Services Network so that all present a unified front in attacking the causes and effects of poverty.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Costa
CFC Board of Directors

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Act (MGL44B) was passed by the 2001 annual town meeting. In approving the Act, taxpayers approved a 2% surcharge on real estate taxes to fund this program. In addition, the Act requires the state to match funds raised by the 2% surcharge for use in Community Preservation. Funds can be used for open space, historic preservation, affordable housing, and land for recreational use. A minimum of 10% each year needs to be devoted to each of the categories of open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation.

A Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was established in April 2002. CPC consists of nine (9) voting members pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, Section 5. The Committee, appointed by the Selectmen, include three at-large members (Charles Costa, Tony Vieira, and William Wyatt) and representatives of the town's Conservation Committee (Richard Lambert), Historical Commission (Norma Judson), Planning Board (Tim Gillespie), Recreation Commission (open), Housing Authority (Elizabeth Collins), and Finance Committee (Warren Messier).

In preparation for each year's budget, CPC members conduct in-depth research of our town's community preservation needs, possibilities and resources. This includes interviews with interested citizens, committees, and town officials. The Committee also reviews the town's updated master plan as well as the goals and objectives of town department, boards, and committees. Public hearings were also held to gather input from town residents. The recommendations that follow were approved at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting for Fiscal Year 2005 and are grouped by areas required by the Act.

Open Space

Leonard Santos Farm – A parcel of approximately 80 acres off American Legion Highway. This land is ideal for recreation purposes and preserving open space. WYAA has proposed Westport Youth Athletic Association Sports Complex for town use. Also, included in the purchase are wooded wetlands, a working farm (with a conservation restriction applied as condition of purchase), and an existing historic residential duplex (with an affordable housing restriction applied as condition of purchase). The purchase would not include the working farm and the historic duplex house but would include the attaching of the restrictions. Two (2) appraisals have been done on the property. WYAA had an appraisal done that came in at \$950,000 and CPC had an appraisal done that came in at \$975,000.

Mr. Santos offered the land at \$750,000. Perc Tests have been conducted on the property and an aerial/ground survey was also conducted. CPC recommended and town meeting approved \$400,000 be allocated from FY05 Open Space funds. In addition, CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$100,000 be allocated from Open Space FY04 funds previously voted for the purchase of the Oscar Palmer Farm. The remaining \$250,000 needed to complete the purchase came from the Westport Agricultural/Open Space Trust Council.

Westport River Dredging Project Phase II) - Phase II continues with the dredging for access to and around the historic Westport Point fishing piers, wharves, and historic channel that leads to this

centuries-old whaling and fishing community. This two-year project will allow Westport to restore its waterways. It provides access and use of the river and thereby enhancing the public awareness. Moreover, it helps preserve open space and the nature of a Westport resource. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$40,000 be allocated from FY05 Open Space funds and \$10,000 be allocated from FY05 Historic Preservation funds for Phase II.

Historic Preservation

Restoration of the Exterior of the Westport Friends Meeting House - This project would place a town historic preservation restriction to the exterior of this meeting house because of its important historical significance to the town of Westport as well as to all of New England. In 1808, Paul Cuffe, became a member of the meeting. The son of a freed slave and Wampanoag Indian, Paul Cuffe was a noted successful sea captain and merchant. He owned several ships, all manned with African American and Native American captains and crews that transported goods to the other American colonies, West Indies, Europe, and Africa. Captain Cuffe had a particular concern for repatriating ex-slaves to Africa and in 1815 he transported 38 passengers to new homesteads in Sierra Leone. His history is further detailed in the book the Black Yankee authored by former Westport High School history teacher George Salvador. Captain Cuffe was appointed to the committee that oversaw the construction of the new meeting house in 1813. He served on many different committees and was a valued elder in the Westport Friends community. He died in 1817 and is buried on the meeting property. Cuffe descendants continue to hold yearly reunions in the area and visited the farm and Meeting House. The farm is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1913, Paul Cuffe's great grandson had a memorial erected on the Westport Friends' property in Captain Cuffe's memory. The CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved the exterior restoration of the meeting house with a historic preservation restriction allowing the Town to place an appropriate sign and plaque outlining Captain Paul Cuffe's legacy. The committee recommended and town meeting approved \$22,500 be allocated from FY05 Historic Preservation funds for the restoration of the exterior of the meeting house and the restriction would require signage on the grounds outlining Captain's Cuffe's place in Westport history.

Town Hall Restoration – This project will provide interior and exterior restoration to the historic Westport Town Hall. The CPC recommended and town meeting approved \$35,000 be allocated from FY05 Historic Preservation funds towards the project at this time.

Town Farm Historic Research Project - This is a two (2) year project to compile historic research in three areas for the Westport Town Farm. The first area would involve the early history of the farm built around deed searches, wills, and family histories mostly centered around Daniel and Stephen Wilcox families. The second area begins with the farm changing into the Westport Town Farm and further documenting the whole system of Poor Farms in New England. The third area of research deals with early Paupers Reports (Westport's first town reports) and the Overseers of the Poor. Who were the inmates of the poor farm and what tasks and chores were expected of them? CPC funds are recommended for researchers, writers, photographers, and print costs. Monies collected from the sale of the book will go to the Town Farm Trust Account. The CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$3,500 for phase I of this project be allocated from FY 05 Historic Preservation funds and \$4,550 be considered for Phase II next year.

Town Farm Restoration Project - Phase I of this project is for the restoration of the barn and carriage shed tin roofs to protect them from further deterioration. It also includes re-shingling of the south roof of the carriage shed with red cedar. Other restoration including siding and interior work will be recommended next year. The CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$10,850 be allocated from FY05 Historic Preservation funds for Phase I.

Preservation of Historic Town Materials - This project involves medical records from Dr. Handy dating back from about 1790 to 1840. It also includes materials from Alexander Hicks, a whale ship owner. Dr. Handy's records have historical importance to Westport and also in the medical field. Alexander Hick's account book and other documents provide information on 19th century whaling out of Westport. The Westport Historical Society will stabilize these materials and preserve them so that they won't further deteriorate. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$3,075 be allocated from FY05 Historic Preservation funds for this purpose.

Preservation of Town Records - Historic records of the Town of Westport reside in a number of

locations and are in various states of organization and preservation. The Board of Selectmen have contacted the Massachusetts Historic Commission to examine the contents and make recommendations on preservation. This project will organize and preserve these records. The existence of this material will then be available to those interested in Westport's past. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$10,000 be allocated from FY05 Historic Preservation funds for this phase of the project.

Westport Corners Signs - This project involves the marking of road signs identifying historic locations in town and outlining their significance. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$1,200 be allocated from FY05 Historic Preservation funds for this purpose.

Westport Historic Signs - Install 26"x 40" roadside markers at the head of Westport Landing, town line on Old County Road, Hix Bridge, legend of turnips, Westport Point, Quaker Meeting House, and Westport Harbor. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$5,000 be allocated from FY05 Historic Preservation funds for this purpose and \$5,000 from FY06 Historic Preservation funds.

Community Housing

Master Plan Housing Element and Housing Strategy Implementation and Rezoning Project - The purpose of this project is to redefine the needs assessment by researching information on some of Westport's housing stock where information is missing in the Assessor's database. This could enhance the accuracy of assessment and better develop a housing strategy. Secondly, a comprehensive revision of Westport's zoning to enable the implementation of the Master Plan and Housing Strategy will be conducted. The CPC recommended and town meeting approved \$60,000 be allocated from FY05 Affordable Housing funds for this Planning Board project.

In addition to these projects, the 2004 Annual Town Meeting approved the allocations of FY05 CPA funds to the following accounts:

Administrative	\$14,000
Community Housing Reserve	\$10,353
Open Space Reserve	\$10,000
Historic Preservation Reserve	\$10,000

At the 2003 Annual Town Meeting allocations were made to the Community Housing Reserve for \$40,000 and Administrative expenses for \$14,000. Any funds not expended for assigned projects or the reserve accounts remain in the CPA fund account and may be appropriated or reserved in the future. In addition, the Committee believed it was not wise to exceed the actual cash at hand amount at the time of each budget cycle because of state reimbursements. The state did match the Town funds (as required by the Act) in the amount of \$285,139 in October of 2003 and in the amount of \$296,150 in October of 2004. The first CPA budget was for FY04 and it was in the amount of \$244,000. This is our second budget and it is for FY05 and it is for \$745,478.

The Committee continues to accept proposals for future funding. Guidelines for proposals and proposal submission sheets are available from Committee members. Meetings dates are posted and citizens' participation is encouraged. We normally meet the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office of the Town Hall. Written comments and questions are also welcome and can be directed to members or the Community Preservation Committee, Town Hall, 816 Main Road, Westport, MA 02790.

Respectfully submitted,

Antone C. Vieira, Jr., Chairman
Elizabeth Collins
Norma Judson
Charles Costa
Timothy Gillespie
Richard Lambert
Warren Messier
William Wyatt

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION/SOIL BOARD

The Conservation Commission/Soil Conservation Board hereby submits its annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2004.

Overview

The Conservation Commission is a seven member volunteer board, appointed by the Selectmen, to oversee and protect Westport's extensive inland and coastal wetlands, riverfront and certain other natural resources. Our primary responsibility is to review permit applications for activity in or near wetland and riverfront resource areas under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. 131 § 40, and its associated policies and regulations). This includes the issuance of Determinations of Applicability and Orders of Condition for projects. The Commission is also responsible for updating the Town's Open Space Plan as needed, and for overseeing town-held conservation restrictions, which protect valuable natural areas from development. Many of these beneficial arrangements come about through the efforts of the Westport Land Conservation Trust, which has played a key role in protecting land throughout the Town in recent years. The Commission also serves as the Soil Conservation Board for the Town, and reviews permit applications for storage, transfer and removal of certain soils and minerals as set forth in Westport's Soil Bylaw.

Personnel Updates

Personnel changes during 2004 included the resignation of long-time Commissioner Elliot LaMontagne in June, and the appointment of new member Ed Rooney to serve a three-year term. In July Tanja Ryden was elected Chair, and Richard Lambert, who was acting Chairman for six months, returned to his position as Vice-Chair. The remaining Commissioners include Paul Hebert, Tom McGarr, Susan Pedreira and Jack Reynolds. Beth Hallal, interim part-time Agent, returned to her full-time position with the Board of Health when a new Conservation Agent, Anne Phelps, was hired at the beginning of April. Leone Farias continues as Principal Clerk and is a source for much institutional knowledge, as she has worked for the Commission for over ten years. The Commission also created a new position for a part-time Recording Secretary in December, and began seeking a qualified person to fill the position.

Commission Performance

Meetings were held bi-weekly (alternate Tuesday evenings) through the year; plus eight special meetings for conducting the hiring and evaluation process, reviewing the backlog of violations and other administrative matters, which brought the total to 34 meetings for the year. An average of 12 agenda items was addressed at each meeting.

Filings reviewed under the state Wetlands Protection Act included 60 Notices of Intent, 58 Requests for Determination of Applicability, 15 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Determination, 17 Requests for Extensions or Amended Orders of Condition, and 22 Certificates of Compliance.

At the end of 2003 the Commission had a backlog of 20 violations of the Wetlands Protection Act (including 3 being pursued by the state Department of Environmental Protection), of which 11 were satisfactorily resolved by year's end. However, the Commission investigated and confirmed 24 additional violations during 2004. These are time consuming and troublesome;

however the Commission tries to work with property owners to rectify violations informally whenever possible. If further action is required an Enforcement Order is issued, which may be recorded at the Registry of Deeds as a lien on the property if we are unable to negotiate adequate compliance.

Beginning in October, the Commission began formally tracking the number of complaints received about possible wetland violations from the public, Commission members, and other officials. We received 13 such complaints by year's end, of which 7 were confirmed as violations after investigation.

The Soil Board reviewed 17 requests for renewal of Soil Transfer Permits, and all but one was approved.

Agent reviews of permit requests to Board of Health for new septic systems and repairs increased last year by 40% (295 in 2004 over 210 in 2003). Reviews of building permit applications to the Building Inspector increased by 65% (from 111 in 2003 to 183 in 2004). This cooperative effort helps the applicant determine whether he/she also needs to file with the Conservation Commission.

The agent also performed six site visits at the request of the Board of Selectmen.

Other Achievements

In July, the Commission adopted a local regulation (as recently authorized under state law) to allow for the hiring of specialized consultants at the applicant's expense to assist in review of certain projects. In addition, the Commission submitted a local Wetland Protection Bylaw for consideration at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. Despite limited resources, the Commission focused on public education and outreach by initiating a Conservation Corner column in local newspapers to report on commission decisions and publish articles of general interest. Commission Chair Tanja Ryden this year attended a course in Wetland Delineation offered by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, and Agent Anne Phelps attended a Soils Workshop sponsored by Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals.

Coordination with Town Boards

To facilitate effective communication with other town officials and boards, the Commission is represented on various town boards. The Agent serves on the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the 319 Grant Committee, and is a member of the Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals. Commission members also represent the Conservation Commission on the Stormwater Management Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Agricultural Preservation Trust Council, Harbor Dredging Committee and Economic Development Committee.

Budget and Wetland Funds

The Commission has been level-funded for the past three fiscal years, which has forced us to access the Wetland Protection Fund to cover an increasing portion of regular operating expenses formerly budgeted from taxation but permitted under the regulation. This has allowed the Commission to maintain the agent and clerk full-time, which is absolutely necessary to adequately manage the increasing workload. Last fall, the state increased Wetlands Permitting fees (the town's portion of which goes into the Wetland Reserve Fund). This increase and the Commission's new ability to charge for specialized consultant services, may allow the Commission to maintain the existing level of service in the coming year. However, the funding constraints limit the Commission's ability to improve its services and upgrade its data resources to better manage the protection of Westport's natural resources from land development activity.

2005 Goals

As Chairman, my goals for the coming year include working with my fellow Commissioners and the staff to update administrative procedures and office operations for increased efficiency, increasing public awareness and education efforts (including development of web pages) leading to a reduction of violations, and better coordination with the Planning Department for early review of proposed developments. I thank both the staff and Commissioners for their dedication and willingness to devote many long evenings to serving the Town of Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanja Ryden, Chairwoman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging respectfully submits this report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Cynthia Bolduc.....	June 30, 2007
Member 6/30/01	
Phyllis Currier.....	June 30, 2005
Member 7/26/99	
Selena Howard.....	June 30, 2005
Member 6/30/99	
Donald A. Maynard.....	June 30, 2007
Member 7/1/02	
Lois E. Spirlet.....	June 30, 2005
Chairman 7/12/96 to date	
Member 8/16/93	
Joanne R. Devlin.....	June 30, 2007
Member 2/12/03	
William E. Gifford, Jr.....	June 30, 2006
Member 7/1/03	

Town Funded Employees

Susan A. Oliveira As Director of the Council on Aging. Mrs. Oliveira oversees and administers all four branches of the department. She is responsible for the daily operations of the Senior Center: including Social Day Care, Transportation, Outreach, and Programs and Activities. She works with the two COA and FWCOA Boards to create and execute both long-term and short-term goals in fulfillment of our mission statement. She recruits, trains and supervises 16 staff and numerous volunteers. The Director also develops and monitors budgets, reports routinely to the Board of Selectmen, writes for various grants and otherwise networks with Federal, State and local agencies to gather information and to obtain funding for services. She is Westport's representative to SRTA and BES.

Lorraine C. Roy As Principal Clerk, Mrs. Roy performs accounting services for the department; including bi-weekly payroll, expense vouchers, and monthly budget reports, Dial-a-Ride reports, and all other local, regional and state reports required. As Dispatcher, she coordinates schedules with clients and drivers, and

arranges for vehicle repair and maintenance. Mrs. Roy edits the monthly newsletter *Evergreen*. She assists the public in the office and on the telephone as a volunteer SHINE coordinator.

John Medeiros As the Custodian and Maintenance Specialist, Mr. Medeiros keeps the building clean. He performs minor repairs and acts as liaison between plumbers, electricians and other workmen and the COA.

Partially Town Funded Employees

Van Drivers for the Council on Aging. In addition to driving the vans they act as carriers for the COA, and alert us to client needs.

Roland Chretien
Richard Fragoza
Evelyn O'Hara
Bruce Belling
Robert Kowalczyk
Richard Thorpe

Van Driver and computer systems manager. When needed, he repairs and maintains the website, computers, networks and printers at the Senior Center.

Non Town Funded Employees

M. Lydia King As Outreach Worker, she conducts in-home visits and telephone and office consults to assist elders in defining their needs and accessing services. Mrs. King provides information, then makes appropriate referrals and follow-up visits to ensure that clients receive adequate assistance. She works in conjunction with the Director and local, state, and federal resources to obtain updated information and coordinate service provision. She conducts support groups, provides private supportive counseling and case management, and maintains a caregiver reference library.

Betty Spray As Outreach Aide, Mrs. Spray conducts follow-up visits to home-bound elders, working as part of our social services team. She maintains and continuously updates the COA Resource Manual. Mrs. Spray also assists as an aide in the Social Day Care Program.

Barbara Teixeira As Assistant Dispatcher/activity scheduling/publicity and media contact, Mrs. Teixeira is an integral part of our office staff.

Social Day Care

Beverly Roynestad	Director
Alice Rezendes	Assistant Director
Valorie Schofield	Activity Director/Administrative Assistant
Marilyn De Jesus	SDC Aide

Currently there are more than 3,470 people over the age of 60 living in Westport. One of the most surprising statistics in our community is that there are more than 780 people over the age of 80, 126 of them aged 90 to 102. One of the goals of the Westport Council on Aging is to identify the needs of our elders and link them with services to enable them to stay living independently in their own homes. We believe that we do this quietly and efficiently. Councils on Aging many times function as the "silent side of safety". The information, services and ongoing case management we offer can often prevent a crisis situation that would impact the entire community.

In the past we have hesitated to provide a list of statistics because they seem impersonal. The statistic that lists the number of people who come in for office visits does not tell you about the scope of our services: including extended time spent providing counseling and multiple phone calls to various agencies to coordinate services in an emergency. Neither do statistics reflect the after-hours phone calls

and visits to clients and their families. Our statistic of 550 General Help units includes things like food baskets, snow shoveling, the loan of a wheelchair or other durable medical equipment, or help with fuel or repairs.

Westport is a rural community of 33,900 acres without public transportation, where losing one's ability to drive can quickly lead to isolation and depression, and potentially to serious physical and mental health problems. The COA Transportation Program helps many Westport elders and handicapped individuals maintain their independence, despite giving up their licenses. In the statistical data below you will see that the Council on Aging provided 7,329 one-way rides to 912 clients in 2004. Our three handicapped-accessible vans and one mini-van covered over 300 miles daily, carrying passengers to adult day programs, medical appointments, shopping, or on errands. Our door-to-door Dial-a-Ride service gives clients assistance getting on / off the van and in their door.

Our Social Day Care Program provides important services to participants and their caregivers. Numbers do not accurately reflect the scope of the family social services we are able to generate with this program. For every person in the Social Day Care Program we are serving at least one additional person, the caregiver. Our trained staff provides six hours of supervised activities to a frail client, allowing the caregiver respite time to regenerate or continue to hold down a job. We also provide a caregiver support group to help. Twenty families were served by this program in 2004.

Days at the Senior Center may get hectic but it is never boring, with a wide range of activities offered for everyone. Physical exercise classes include choices of Tai Chi, Aerobics, and Osteoporosis-prevention weightlifting. For those with a more artistic nature there are classes in Watercolor painting, knitting, quilting, poetry, computer skills, and Shakespeare. Periodically we offer informative seminars on issues such as safety, health or planning for the future. There are times set aside for fun such as the Tuesday and Friday pool tournaments or Bingo on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Although visitors are not always faithful with signing in, Our Visitors' Log shows 11,520 signatures for the period from 1/1/04 to 12/31/04.

The staff, volunteers and the COA Boards have work very hard to encourage healthy aging, not just longer life for the people in our community. Each year the financial crunch increases as the over 60 population in Westport grows and we are asked to provide more services with fewer resources and less staff. During 2004 the Council on Aging was able to do this, and plans to explore all avenues to continue to offer more.

Services Provided

Programs, Services & Activities	Service Units	
	Over 60	Under 60*
Client Support	260	15
Community Education	125	20
Family Assistance	10	4
Financial	20	3
Fitness/Exercise	3,335	600
General Help	525	25
Health Benefit Counseling	180	10
Health Screening	45	12
Instructional Courses	470	295
Other Health Services	50	4
Recreation	1,280	250
Social Day Care	2,310	20
Transportation	6,500	829

Outreach

New Clients	155
Repeat Clients	525

Office Visits				150	
Home Visits				104	
Case Management				1189	
Phone Consults					996
Program/Meetings				133	
Support Group				65	
Mailing				65	
Hours w/at Risk Clients				65	
Hours Supervising Intern				14	
Unduplicated Elders Served	525 Women	155 Men	Total	680	

(Unduplicated = no matter how many services received or how many programs you attended you were only counted 1 time)

*It is the policy of the Westport Council on Aging to offer classes and programs first to Westport Residents 60+, then to younger people if room exists, unless grants restrict this.

The above has been the year in review for the Westport Council On Aging. Let us work together to continue supporting the elder population as well as the entire community.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois E. Spirlet, Chairman
Council on Aging



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RONALD DESROSIER'S MEMORIAL FUND & WESTPORT CITIZENS BETTERMENT FUND & COMMITTEE

The following is a report of the Westport Citizens Betterment Committee for the year ending December 31, 2004.

The Board of Selectmen reappointed the following members: Shirley Desrosiers (Chair), Claude Ledoux, Lena Napert, Maggie Plamondon and Charlene Wood (Secretary/Treasurer). All appointments expire June 30, 2005.

This year the committee received several outstanding applications. We had a very difficult time choosing the winners. Therefore, the committee decided to grant three \$500 awards. They were awarded to the Town Beach Committee to help towards the cost of building a handicapped ramp at East Beach, Cadette Troop #906 toward the rehabilitation of the Community Center, and to Anne E. Burkholder who will be making video archives of oral history for the Westport Historical Society.

The Westport Citizens Betterment Committee and Trustee of the Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund are seeking contributions to be able to increase the amount of grants we give out each year. As most of you are aware, these grants are awarded to projects slated to benefit the community and its residents. You may make a donation by contacting the Board of Selectmen's office at 508-636-1003. What a nice way to remember a loved one.

The balance in the Memorial Fund is \$28,323.94 of which only \$8,738.92 is expendable. The balance in the Westport Citizens Betterment Fund is \$6,283.96.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Desrosiers, Chairwoman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief for the year ending December 31, 2004

Fire Chief

Stephen A. Motta

Deputy Chief

Brian R. Legendre

Lieutenants

John W. Andrade
Glenn A. Wood

Allen N. Manley, Jr.
Michael P. Silvia

Firefighter/EMT's

Douglas P. Orr
Raymond E. Benoit
Brian A. Beaulieu (Military Leave)
Bruce Martin
Matthew Cowell
Darren Nunes
Mark Brisk
Daniel Baldwin

Brian D. Souza
Daniel F. Ledoux
Glenn R. Nunes
Keith Nickelson
Dennis Pelland
Glenn Mackillop
Paul Duhon

Call Firefighters

Delray Dorsey
Todd Mackay
Bryan Moniz
Kenneth Reilly
Ronald Vien

Steve Lopes
Roger Maynard
Kendall G. Nickelson
Chad Vaillancourt
Anthony Ward

Principal Clerk

Theresa A. Vaillancourt

E-911 Coordinator

John W. Andrade

Training Officer

Allen N. Manley, Jr.

Drillmaster

Brian D. Souza

Fire Investigation Unit

Michael P. Silvia
Daniel F. Ledoux

Public Education Committee

Kenneth Reilly

EMS Coordinator

Glenn A. Wood

Assistant EMS Coordinator

Glenn R. Nunes

Computer Administrator

Michael P. Silvia

The Fire Department answered 1,968 calls for a total of 2,319 vehicle runs during 2004, classified as follows:

Buildings-----	19
Woods/Brush-----	29
Vehicles-----	12
Lost Persons-----	3
False Alarms-----	3
Mutual Aid	
Fire-----	17
Ambulance-----	54
Chimney-----	1
Assist Rescue-----	41
Appliance Fires-----	4
Bomb Scares-----	0
Jaws-of-Life-----	24
Unclassified-----	28
Investigations-----	93
Dumpsters-----	2
Fire Alarms-----	112
First Aid in Stations-----	6
Unauthorized Burning-----	42
Public Assist-----	36
Hazardous Materials-----	31
Water Rescues-----	6
Carbon Monoxide Detector	
Investigations-----	14
Station Coverage-----	5
Good Intent-----	10
Assist Police-----	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents-----	167
Emergency EMS Calls-----	1,373
Emergency Ambulance-----	1,427
Fire Related Calls-----	541

Summary Of Vehicle Runs For The Year:

Engine 1-----	0
Engine 2-----	164
Engine 3-----	55

Engine 4-----	46
Engine 5-----	64
Engine 6-----	118
Engine 7-----	171
Tanker 1-----	44
Chief's Car-----	50
Deputy's Car-----	73
Marine 1-----	3
Marine 2-----	1
Personal Vehicles-----	20
Car 3-----	20
Car 4-----	13
Special Operations Unit-----	9
Ambulance 1-----	542
Ambulance 2-----	881
Ambulance 3-----	45

Permits Issued During The Year:

Smoke Detectors-----	315
Oil Burners-----	66
Underground Tank Removal-----	4
Propane-----	47
Open Air Fire-----	3,192
Blasting-----	3
Above Ground Tank-----	7
Black Powder-----	2
Waste Oil-----	2
Fire Reports-----	17
Sprinklers-----	2
Tank Trucks-----	4

Loss Due To Fire:

Buildings-----	\$ 336,000
Vehicles-----	41,000
Total Loss-----	\$ 377,000

The 2004 Annual Town Meeting passed, subject to a Special Town Vote to authorize the purchase of a new Pumper/Tanker to replace a 1974 vehicle. I would like to thank all of the Townspeople who supported us in this endeavor. The truck is on order and will be put into service as soon as it arrives.

During the past year we have had many successes and a few failures. Our most notable failure was the temporary condemnation of the South End Fire Station. With the assistance of the Fire Association and private businesses we were able to bring it up to an acceptable level within a few days. While we are able to use it we are still badly in need of new quarters. The Mass Department of Occupational Safety and the Building Department have both indicated we will have to replace this building soon. To that end I am requesting your support in our efforts to build a new facility.

Our successes are numerous. Our Deputy Fire Chief has successfully completed a Haz-Mat Technician course, sponsored by the Mass Fire Academy. This knowledge has already been used to our advantage, affording both a time frame and a financial savings.

Donations from Townspeople and Business have allowed us to purchase and install a washing machine for the firefighter's gear should they become soiled. I thank everyone who has donated to the

Fire Department Gift Fund that continues to make things like this happen.

FF/EMT Brian Souza continues (for the second year) his Child Safety Seat inspections/installations. This is in cooperation with the Local and State Police Program. The majority of these inspections have been performed at the Fire Station at no additional cost to the Town. Any resident who would like to avail themselves can contact him at the Briggs Rd. Station.

Call FF/EMT Ken Reilly continued his Fire Safety Programs with the Second, Fourth and Tenth grades. In Spring 2004 he with the help of various businesses and fellow Firefighters conducted another edition of the Safe Prom Program for the Junior and Senior classes at the High School. If this saves only one of our children's lives it will have been well worth the time and effort.

Westport Firefighters continue to improve their skills through Fire Science and Fire Administration Degrees at various colleges such as Bristol Community College, Providence College and Empire State University as well as through the Mass Fire Academy. The Fire Academy and its Staff have brought some of their "Impact" training sessions here to Westport as well as Department members making the 90 mile trek to Stow for courses at the Academy. The coming year will present some new challenges for the training team in the Westport Fire Department. We will be running a firefighter recruit class, which will be the single largest group of recruits trained to date. We will be using a new training curriculum purchased through the Fire Department Gift Account.

I would like to thank the members of the Department and the Community who have given their time, talent and resources to aid the Department in all aspects of its endeavors as we try to provide our Firefighters with a safe workplace while providing the best protection for our Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Motta
Fire Chief

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FISH COMMISSIONERS

The activities of the Fish Commissioners for the Year 2004 were as follows:

The Commission is concerned that the river herring might have dwindled to a dangerously low level or subject to routine cycles. Although no one knows the exact reason for the drop in numbers of the spawning alewives, there are many theories from over fishing to the increase of predators such as striped bass.

With all the uncertainty that can occur when the herring are in the rivers, less is known about what happens to them when they leave in July to spend the winter in the ocean. Some believe that trawlers fishing for sea herring and mackerel are catching alewives as an incidental by-catch. To study this problem, the National Marine Fisheries has scheduled 300 more days of observation aboard trawlers fishing for sea herring.

Plans to remove the debris from the Adamsville Pond are on track and hopefully will come to fruition in 2005 or 2006. The increased acreage will definitely be helpful to spawning herring (alewives), as more area will give more protection from predators such as cormorants. Again, thanks to Mr. Ralph Guild and Ann (Pete) Baker for their untiring efforts on behalf of this project.

A grant was received from the Buzzards Bay Action Committee to replace the culvert at River Road connecting the Herring Ditch to Cockeast Pond. The engineering plan encompasses a slight deepening of the Herring Ditch east of River Road. This work would be done in conjunction with the culvert installation. Thanks to John Rockwell and Bernie Taber of the BBAC for their assistance in obtaining this grant.

The Commission is concerned with what seems to be an overpopulation of cormorants we feel adversely affects the winter flounder and the other species that spawn in the Westport River. Their feeding habits are reducing the population of small fry and is harmful to the fisheries.

The Fish Commissioners will continue to promote positive and progressive programs to benefit the Westport fishing community and invite any constructive input that will make our activity more meaningful.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Sullivan, Chairman
Russell T. Hart
James Coughlan
Fish Commissioners

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2004

Introduction

It is with continued pride that I submit to you this 2003-2004 Annual Summary Report, which describes our programs and successes.

Recognized as a leader among vocational technical high schools by local and statewide employers, Diman Regional, serving the district communities of Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, and Westport, has a long and proud tradition of producing highly skilled graduates. Our graduates not only possess the skills necessary to enter the workforce but also the academic foundation to continue their education at a two- or four-year college/university, community college, or technical institution.

In keeping with its mission "to develop the unique potential of each learner," Diman Regional continues to purchase and utilize cutting-edge technology, to update curricula, and to provide professional development opportunities for its staff. To say we are proud of the vocational technical programs and academic instruction we provide is an understatement.

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and administration, I thank the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee, governmental leaders, citizens, and parents for their continued unwavering support.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogério Ramos
Superintendent-Director

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Gabriel Andrade, Chairperson - Fall River
James Clarkin - Fall River
Larry Couto - Fall River
Thomas Branco - Somerset
Edward Hill - Swansea
Paul Jennings - Westport

Summer Programs (2003)

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School offered remedial make-up programs in English, Math, Science and Shop Related Theory as our continuing commitment to assist students experiencing difficulty. The remedial program was self-funded with an enrollment of 123 students.

The breakdown: ELA-35 Math-65 Science-10 Related-13

The Summer Exploratory Program was not offered during the summer of 2003.

Orientation Process

On August 19, 20, 21, 2003, an orientation program was held in the school cafeteria for all new students. Students were given instructions for the opening of school, bus routes were assigned, and handbooks as well as student schedules were distributed and explained.

A "Parent Night" was held on September 16, 2003 to familiarize parents of new students with school programs and the school's philosophy and policies. School administrators were present to explain their roles and what Diman expects of the students. An estimated 300 parents and students attended.

Admissions

For the school year 2003-2004 there were 702 applications for grade nine. In April 2003 the newly accepted students were tested in reading comprehension, numerical ability, mechanical reasoning, and language usage. Results were used to assist in the initial academic placement of incoming grade nine students. Three hundred fifty-four (354) were enrolled as of October 1, 2003.

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTALS
GRADE 9	206	148	354
GRADE 10	199	121	320
GRADE 11	183	110	293
GRADE 12	143	83	226
GRADE 13	1	35	36
TOTALS	732	497	1229

Comprehensive Health Committee

Although the Comprehensive Health Committee was not funded for the 2003-2004 school year, the services rendered continued in effect. Some highlights included: The continuation of the School and Community Access Center located at Diman Regional. An Educational Health/Resources Fair held in collaboration with four community agencies and Diman's LPN Program. A "Crisis Task Force" completed work on a "Crisis Manual". A "mock crash" simulated an emergency response to a car crash resulting from drinking and driving to highlight safety during prom season.

School Improvement Council

The following individuals served upon the School Improvement Council: Mrs. Cynthia Vadeboncoeur, Mr. Leonard Freeman, Ms. Bethany White, Mr. Carl F. Sawejko and Mr. Robert Goulet. Through their efforts the School Improvement Plan was revised and presented to the School Committee.

Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council had a very successful year. PAC began the year at New Student Parent Night held in September by informing parents of the goals of PAC and recruiting new members. PAC expanded participation in 9th, 10th and 11th grade activities. Gift Certificates or gifts were given to students at the Homecoming Dance, Junior Prom and the Achievement Award Assembly. The PAC held several raffles throughout the school year including a very successful Christmas Tree Raffle. In October, PAC teamed up with SkillsUSA-VICA and participated in the Westport Harvest Festival where they raffled off a shed that had been built by students in the House & Mill Carpentry shop. Other activities included Parent Teacher Night, the Annual December Pancake Breakfast, Valentine Day Dance, Open House, Fashion Show, and Yard Sale. Through their fund raising efforts nineteen \$275 PAC scholarships were awarded to seniors who would be continuing their education. Additionally, Service Awards were given to students who assisted PAC in their fund raising activities. The Post Prom Party at Diman was held in the gymnasium. It followed the prom, which was held at the Viking Hotel in Newport. Any graduating senior and a guest could attend the post prom. Over thirty PAC members volunteered for post prom related activities including decorating, "manning" the phones, supervision, food selling, and soliciting funds and prizes. A car was raffled off to a senior who stayed throughout the night.

Freshman Class

Due to a lack of funding, a Freshman Class Advisor was not budgeted for the 2003-2004 school year.

Sophomore Class

Due to a lack of funding, a Sophomore Class Advisor was not budgeted for the 2003-2004 school year.

Junior Class

Because of low attendance at the previous year's Junior Prom and the expense of the January Homecoming semi-formal, the Junior Class, under the direction of Mrs. Maureen Pacheco, celebrated with a semi-formal cruise on the Vista Jubilee out of Warren, RI. Additionally, the Junior Class presented orange tape measures imprinted with a Diman logo, which were distributed during Teacher Appreciation Week. The Junior Class was very successful in fundraising, which enabled the cost of the cruise to be kept to an affordable price. The semi-formal was held on May 28, 2004 and was attended by 183 students and 23 faculty members.

Senior Class

The Senior class of 2004 fundraising and Prom planning was plagued by apathy and poor payment of debts. Often only one or two students would attend Prom meetings. A total of 33 students, in a class of 218, participated in fundraising and planning the Senior Prom. As a result, the Senior class realized an increase in Prom Ticket prices. The Senior class distributed picture frames to all faculty members during Teacher Appreciation week.

The Senior Prom was held on Friday evening, June 4, 2004 at the Viking Hotel in Newport. 203 students and 22 faculty members were in attendance. Mrs. Rosemary Walde was the Senior Class advisor. Once again, the after-prom party at Diman sponsored by the Parent Advisory Group was well attended and enjoyed by over 200 seniors and their guests.

Both class night and graduation activities ran smoothly. The class of 2004 presented a Massachusetts State Flag to the school to proudly fly over the building. Graduation was held on Thursday evening, June 10, 2004 on John Harrington Field. Jennifer Duarte, the Class of 2004 Valedictorian, delivered an inspiring address. The graduation ended on a happy note with seniors tossing their caps into the air as they prepared to go forward to face the future.

Key Club

The Key Club was under the direction of Mrs. Susan DeJesus for the third year and attempted to expand its community involvement. Unfortunately interest in the Key Club, although beginning on a high note with more than twenty students initially joining, saw its numbers decrease steadily throughout the school year. Mrs. DeJesus and the Key Club Members continued the community service experiences of Key Club members by having them participate in a Christmas Food Basket Drive, attempting to run a school store, flowers for Valentine's day, selling Shamrocks for the fight against Muscular Dystrophy, selling daffodils to benefit the American Cancer society and a donation to the Christopher Litchfield fund, and violets for Mother's Day. The Key club provided 30 needy families with Christmas Food Baskets as well as making donations to the local Soup Kitchens. All of the school's shops participated in the collection of canned goods and/or monetary donations for this annual event. Money for the Christmas Food Baskets was raised by candy sales and novelty item sales. Private donations were also received from members of the Greater Fall River Community.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society, advised by Mrs. Cynthia Polak, continued to initiate members based upon national academic standards. Seventy letters were sent to perspective candidates to solicit membership. Only 24 students replied and of those, 22 were found to be acceptable NHS candidates. Of the 22 students, 14 were inducted into the NHS bringing the total membership to 20 students for the 2003-2004 school year. The NHS conducted 13 meetings during the school year and focused on one large community service effort. The National Kidney foundation was selected as the charity for which the NHS would work. Four students and Mrs. Polak attended the national Honor Society convention in Orlando, Florida during the week of November 9th through the 14th. A field trip to Six Flags New England took place on May 7th. Induction of new members was held on May 13, 2004 in a ceremony held in the auditorium and a reception held in the Diman Tea Room. The students gave honoring speeches to their invited guests. Mrs. Polak has indicated that due to various commitments, she will not be returning as the NHS advisor.

Project Spotlight

The spotlight Program, affiliated with the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth, is an after school program at UMASS-Dartmouth for area high school students of higher learning potential. Twenty-three students were enrolled in this program featuring mini courses, lectures and motivational speakers.

Student Government

The Diman Student Government attended most of the regional meetings held in Wareham. James Correia, Samantha Thompson, and Ashley Mendes were the most active members. The student government collaborated with the Key club to supply food baskets for needy student families.

Athletics

During the 2003-2004 school year, various sports teams enjoyed success: the Boy's Baseball Team was Mayflower league champions and earned a berth in the state playoff; Girls' Varsity Basketball

Team was Mayflower League champions and earned berths in both the State tournament and the vocational tournament; Boys Varsity Cross Country Team was the state vocational champion and the Girls Cross country team was also the state vocational champion; the boys Ice hockey Team qualified for the state tournament; the girls Softball team qualified for both the state and vocational tournament; the girls volleyball team was league co-champions and qualified for both the state and vocational tournament winning the state vocational title.

"The Artisan 2004" - Yearbook

The yearbook staff, under the direction of Mrs. Maria Torres, Mr. Frank Kuthan, proudly produced the 55th edition of The Artisan. The staff worked endlessly to achieve a unique and contemporary style, and delivered a quality yearbook to the Class of 2004 in the fall. The Yearbook Staff made a decision, along with the Administration, to solicit for a new photographer. Mare Studios of New Bedford was selected to be the exclusive photographer for the Yearbook. The 54th edition of The Artisan was dedicated to Mrs. Cynthia Polak, Mr. Joseph Sousa and Mr. Stephen Blanchette. These three individuals are an inspiration to their students.

"The Tradesman", School Newspaper

The Newspaper Advisors, Mr. Joseph Sousa and Mr. Paul Viveiros, published four editions of the school newspaper. There were four students on the Newspaper Staff.

Peer Leadership

Due to budget restrictions the Peer Leadership group was not active during the 2003-2004 school year.

Diversity Club (INDG)

This year Diman's Diversity Group members, under the direction of Ruth Sundby, participated in the first Old Colony YMCA Youth Conference held on the Bridgewater State College Campus in Bridgewater, Mass. The students participated in several different multi-cultural presentations that day. Our students were among 40 schools invited to attend. This is Diman's 5th year involved with the Interschool Diversity Networking Group. This group is a collaboration of the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Bourne High School, Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School, Taunton High School, Bridgewater-Raynham Regional Vocational Technical High School, Middleboro High School, and New Bedford High School. This group promotes diversity awareness. The students and staff take a pro-active stand against prejudice, hatred, and promote an appreciation and understanding of others. A "Skate-a-thon" took place in February as a fundraiser for a six-year-old girl with Cerebral Palsy. During National Diversity Week, the students created a display of items from different countries, worked with the cafeteria workers in order to have "ethnic diverse" lunches every day, and also prepared one dish (each member and advisor) for the club members, staff, and administration to experience on Diversity Day. The club also promoted two senior members by offering each a scholarship for \$200.00.

Tech Prep

The Tech Prep Program at Diman continues to include articulation agreements with Bristol Community College (BCC), New England Institute of Technology, Massasoit Community College, and Johnson & Wales University. This means that 90% of our shops are included in a Tech Prep opportunity. We are currently completing an articulation agreement between Diman's Office Technology and Bristol

Community College's Degree Program. We are continuing to pursue new articulation agreements in all available areas and will be renewing several existing agreements with the Bristol Tech Prep Office. Presently, we have 80 students covering 18 different trade areas. Most students have expressed an interest in technical course of study beyond high school. However, the Allied Health field and the Service Trades are also included in this program.

Women in Technology

Female Tech Prep students who are interested in a technology or an engineering career can participate in the Women in Technology (WIT) program. These students receive support for the pursuit of a non-traditional trade through activities provided by BCC and UMD. The past school year 26 WIT students were invited to participate in a one-day leadership program at Camp Burgess and a 5-day summer camp at UMASS/Dartmouth.

Tech Prep/Women in Technology/Texas Instruments

The Texas Instruments Work Site Based Learning Project was reinstated in 2003-2004. Students participating in that year long project receive 3 credits (ETK99). An additional articulation we will finalize this year will give 3 credits to all WIT students completing one year in the Work Site Based Learning Project at Texas Instruments. This year Diman's Diversity Group members, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Sundby, participated in the various local conferences. They worked hard during multiculturalism week with morning announcements, showcase displays and culinary delights to promote their message.

Professional Development

Professional development opportunities were provided to all faculty members including the circulation of information for professional development opportunities, as well as the planning, coordination and implementation of courses, conferences and workshops for the 2003 - 2004 academic year. Courses were provided for undergraduate and graduate credit through Bridgewater State College. These courses were chosen to help staff move towards vocational certification and advanced graduate degrees. A Professional Day was held April 30, 2004 for all faculty and staff. A monthly *Professional Opportunities Update* was prepared and distributed to staff members to make them aware of current opportunities for enrichment.

SkillsUSA-VICA

During the 2003-04 school year, 95 students and 30 instructors joined SkillsUSA-VICA, becoming members of the Local Chapter at Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School. Chapter officers met weekly with advisor Mr. Stephen Marciszyn, to plan fundraisers as well as events for the school year. Five students attended the SkillsUSA-VICA Fall Leadership Conference held in November 2003. Twenty students participated in the local Job Skills Demonstration Contest held in January 2004. Fifty-seven students competed in the District Competition held on March 9, 2004 attaining 11 gold, 9 silver and 7 bronze medals as well as a state officer candidate. On April 30, 2004, forty-two students competed in twenty-two events at the State conference held in Marlboro at the 30th SkillsUSA-VICA championships. Diman students captured 21 medals. Fifteen students along with their advisors attended the 40th SkillsUSA-VICA National Conference during the week of June 21-26.

Academic Program Overview

The opening of school began with anticipation of the NEAS&C visitation scheduled for the beginning of October. The final time-release day was held in September to finalize preparations for the visit. The Steering Committee also held final meetings. They and members of the administrative team divided many of the tasks for the actual four-day visit by the committee. These included: transportation arrangements, accommodations at the Hampton Inn, gifts for members of the Visiting Committee, opening dinner held at Venus de Milo restaurant, rooms and facilities for use at Diman, meals and snacks for the Committee and student guides. Members of the Steering Committee: Mrs. Colette DeGagne, Mrs. Susan DeJesus, Mrs. Maureen Pacheco, Mr. Stephen Blanchette, Mr. Roger Dugal, Mr. Edward Gillespie, Mr. Edward Kerr, Mr. John Maurer, Mr. Robert Ciosek, Co-chairperson, and Mrs. Michelle Letendre, Co-chairperson, are to be commended for their efforts in the nearly two-year preparation process that preceded the visitation. Special recognition is due Mrs. DeJesus and Mrs. Pacheco for the countless hours they spent proofreading subcommittee reports. The NEAS&C report was received in November 2003 and is available in the Superintendent's Office and the Library.

Academic Advisory Committees

On October 21, 2003 and February 3, 2004 the Academic Advisory Committees met. Topics of discussion included: NEAS&C self-study and evaluation, revision of Summer Work Packets and department policy on collecting and grading of the SWP, suggestions for Agenda/Handbook revisions, Mentor/Mentee program, Off-cycle assignments, integration projects, final exams, MCAS scores and plans for mapping and aligning courses to the Massachusetts Frameworks. Most academic departments have a similar problem in not being able to attract and retain members for their committees. All Academic Advisory Committees submitted minutes to the Academic Coordinator.

Vocational Program Overview

The 2003-2004 school year at Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School proved to be another exceptional year for the vocational programs. A new vocational program called Office Technology completed its first year at Diman as an outright success. Sixteen female students were enrolled in this new program that shows great promise as a Chapter 74 program that will serve our students and community in the future. Mrs. Zenni is to be commended for overcoming profound challenges in getting the program up and running and making it a tremendous first year success. Many other challenges had to be conquered in other vocational areas in order for the school to be as successful as it was. The dedication and hard work of the vocational staff cannot be overstated and must be recognized when one considers the amount and quality of work produced during this school year. Once, again, the students at Diman received an education of the highest quality, best representing the Diman mantra, "He who hath a trade hath an estate." This was in no way an easy task when considering the loss of related teachers in three of the vocational programs. It must be further recognized that the instructors afforded students a seamless education transition in the delivery of educational services while painfully completing the revamping of their individual programs. Public service projects and activities provided unique educational opportunities for our vocational students this past school year. On March 6 and 7, Diman held its annual Open House/Trades Fair. This event affords Diman students the opportunity to showcase their abundant vocational talents. Outstanding shop project awards were won by students in each of the sixteen vocational areas, as well as numerous first, second and third place ribbons. The Open House on March 7 demonstrated the communities' interest in Diman regional Vocational Technical High School as over a thousand people visited our school. In conclusion, resting on one's successes and laurels is not a practice of those who strive for excellence. Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and specifically its vocational programs and instructors shall not rest as well. Safety will, once again, be at the forefront of pedagogy as instructors will focus on improving what has been an excellent safety record in the past. Integration, a key component of Diman's vocational programs, will continue to be enhanced in an effort to insure that Diman students will receive a competency determination at the end of their high school career. The recruitment of non-traditional students will move forward and provide equitable vocational opportunities for male and female students alike. Striking a balance between instruction and production will once again prove challenging during the 2004-2005 school year. Nonetheless, the value of experiential learning will continue to be a major part of the vocational programs. Public service will again play a key role in providing students and

stakeholders with an equivocating educational and societal benefit that develops the unique potential of each learner, as well as improving the society in which they reside.

Co-Operative Education

During the 2003-2004 school year, over sixty-five (65) employers hired one hundred and seven (107) of our seniors who applied to participate in the Co-op Program. All of these students had met the academic/ vocational requirements before being placed into the Cooperative Education Program. These employers offered skill-upgrade training in several diversified occupational clusters using the workplace as a learning environment. As of July 4, 2004, forty-seven (47) students who will be going into their senior year during the 2004-2005 school year have been placed on "Summer Co-op" with the prospect of having their Co-op agreements rolled over when they return to school in September thus remaining on Co-op. Students who elected to participate in the 2004 summer Co-op Program at Diman Regional nearly tripled the number who took advantage of the opportunity during the summer of 2003. This is in light of the fact that labor market analysts and economists such as Andrew Sum from Northeastern University's Center for Market Studies indicated that the employment rate among teenagers and young adults dropped dramatically between 2000 and 2003 and was at its lowest level since the end of World War II according to a study released in April. The report predicted that this summer is going to be as difficult as the last one for young people seeking jobs, despite some signs of gradual improvement. Tal Barak who writes for the publication "Education Week" stated on June 9, 2004, that the "Summer Job Outlook was Daunting for Teenagers". Personally, I, Mr. Robert Ciosek, am very pleased that the 29 employers in the Greater Fall River area who have hired our students for the summer of 2004 appreciate the value of the training that our students received. The vast majority of the employers participating in this program all agree that a student trainee must possess several basic foundation skills such as a positive attitude and a good attendance record. One of the most important strategies used in brokering for a student is knowing what the employers' needs are and matching those needs to that of students' competencies, abilities, and work traits based on the vocational instructors' evaluation and the students' attendance record. As the coordinator of our Cooperative Education Program, I must assure everyone that safety practices are in use by each employer and that all parties understand their responsibilities including the verification of current "Compensation Liability Insurance". Also, each agreement requires that the trainee's school based learning plan incorporates reading, math, communication, computer skills, Principles of Technology, critical thinking and safety. Environmental concerns are also to be fully utilized in a paid work-based learning productive activity with either private/public sector employers. This is the connection required in order to meet the twenty elements for a successful "School-to-work Co-operative Education Program" each year.

School Of Practical Nursing

This Annual Report will reflect the success of the 2003-2004 school year of the Practical Nurse Program in its continued effort to provide quality vocational/technical education. The Day Program admitted 43 students; 36 are anticipated to graduate on June 30, 2004. Two additional students transferred to our program in January 2004. One student was from Shawsheen Regional School of Practical Nursing and the other from Brockton Hospital School of Nursing. The Evening Program continued its second year with 29 students. The Program wrote for and received a \$15,000 grant from the D.O.E./Perkins funding to upgrade the current Fall River Nursing Skills Laboratory. We have finished our 13th year of formal articulation with the Registered Nurse Program of Bristol Community College. They have resumed their advanced placement option. Twenty-two BCC nursing graduates this year were former Diman Regional SOPN Alumni. Negotiations with University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth resulted in the leasing of a site for a Practical Nurse program satellite to open September 2004 in downtown New Bedford. Employment opportunities for the 2003 graduating class remained bright with a documented 100% job placement including those continuing their education. The class achieved a State Board pass rate of 100%.

Grants

Diman applied for and received funding for various grants, which totaled \$799,151. The Carl Perkins Grant totaled \$233,604 and the Professional Development Grant was \$35,041.

Diman also received grants for:

- 1). The Special Needs 94-142 grant (\$202,418) purchased the services of two special needs teachers and supplies.
- 2). Title V grant (\$6,705) purchased electric library, software, books and videos.
- 3). Title I grant (\$241,080) purchased the services of two reading teachers and one math teacher, supplies, and attendance at Title I conference.
- 4). Academic Support – Weekend (\$24,827) was utilized for a weekend school MCAS program for grade 10 and 11 students in English Language Arts, and Math.
- 5). Title II grant - Part A (\$54,666) purchased service of one math teacher, supplies and supplies.
- 6). Perkins New and Improved (\$15,000) purchased supplies for the Practical Nurse Department.
- 7). SPED Improvement (\$8,851) provided graduate level course entitled “Behavior Interventions in Special Education”.
- 8). Joann Fabrics (\$404) SHOPA Kids in Need Teacher Grant Program provided supplies for English Language Arts Department to develop the characteristics of Haiku poetry and simplistic Japanese Art.
- 9). HVAC Excellence – Provide funding to the air conditioning and refrigeration based on results of online testing. Funds will be determined by those results.
- 10). Title I Support Service (\$12,000) for stipends to continue the analysis of the MCAS test and development of lesson plans.

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2003 - 2004 BUDGET

FOUNDATION BUDGET	\$12,320,825
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REVENUE:

Chapter 70 Foundation Aid	\$10,259,130
Community Assessments	1,457,643
Carryover FY03	—
<u>604,052</u>	<u>\$12,320,825</u>

FOUNDATION EXPENSES:

1000 Administration	\$ 1,007,128
2000 Instruction	
7,060,210	
3000 Student Related Expenses	316,547
4000 Plant Operations/Maintenance	1,150,252
5000 Retirement & Insurance	<u>2,781,688</u>
	<u>\$12,320,825</u>

FOUNDATION COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS:

Fall River	\$ 611,795
Somerset	182,901
Swansea	359,726
Westport	<u>303,221</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,457,643</u>

2003-2004 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

TRANSPORTATION (By Regional Agreement)

Student Transportation Expenses	\$ 400,000
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid (41% Reimbursement)	<u>164,089</u>
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT	\$ 235,911

	<u># Students</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Regional Assessment</u>	<u>Community Assessment</u>
Fall River	927	0.7998	\$235,911	\$ 188,688
Somerset	66	0.0509	\$235,911	12,009
Swansea	98	0.0759	\$235,911	17,912
Westport	81	0.0733	\$235,911	<u>17,301</u>
	1159			\$ 235,911

TOTAL COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS

	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fall River	\$ 611,795	\$ 188,688	\$ 800,483
Somerset	\$ 182,901	\$ 12,009	194,910
Swansea	\$ 339,726	\$ 17,912	377,638
Westport	<u>\$ 303,221</u>	<u>\$ 17,301</u>	<u>320,522</u>
TOTAL	\$1,457,643	\$ 235,910	\$1,693,553

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HARBORMASTER

The Harbormaster hereby submits his report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

The 2004 boating season was not great in the spring, below average in the summer and a pretty nice fall for the boating public. Both resident and transient usage was on the quiet side with about 25 more vessels registered to the harbor than in 2003 and the State Boat Ramp activity off by about 100 daily users in part due to inclement weather on the weekends.

Cost of fuel was high with marina prices at or above \$2.30 per gallon for gas and \$2.00 for diesel. Boat pumpouts of septage increased to 10,665 gallons. Hurricane threats were not a problem because everything hit Florida or the outer banks of North Carolina during the 2004 season.

During the summer, an out-of-town resident using an ocean kayak committed suicide off of East Beach. The Westport Police Department and the Harbormaster Department searched for him and finally recovered his body three weeks later. The lobster boat "Terry" brought in his kayak.

Some reported thefts of fishing gear, a couple of outboards and product from Lees Wharf were reported during the summer. Security cameras have been installed at the Town Wharf as of October 2004.

Shoaling in the river remains about the same as 2002 and 2003 while the Town waits for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to finish the feasibility study for dredging this problem. The best-case scenario would be to dredge in November and December of 2005. The Westport Harbormaster Department collected \$27,200 in surcharge fees for 2004 to go towards Westport's share of this dredging. In 2003

the Town collected \$26,000 in surcharge fees and sent a check for \$25,000 to the Army Corps for the Town's share of the cost for the feasibility study that was conducted during 2004. The 2005 season collection for surcharge should bring in another \$25,000 from boaters to put towards this much needed dredging project, that if completed by the Army Corps will be maintained by the Army Corps, at their own expense, in the future. The estimated remaining cost for the project is approximately \$600,000 - \$700,000. The Seaport Bond Council has stated publicly at Harbor Dredging Committee meetings that, if needed, they could possibly put \$100,00 to \$150,000 towards this project.

The State funded dredge project around Westport Point and its historical docks is moving forward at a slow pace. Samples were taken using a Seaport Bond Grant and it was determined that the dredge material was not suitable to be used as beach nourishment on the ocean side because the grain size did not match.

Request for Proposals for level II testing (Bulk Chemistry) have gone out and it is hoped that this sample testing will be done and completed before January 2005. This will tell us if the dredge material can be stored on land for reuse or have to be disposed of offshore. The layers of State, Federal and local bureaucracy are ridiculous and are costing everyone a fortune. Private marinas are almost doomed if they ever have to dredge and presently 90% need dredging in Westport. A special thanks goes out to the Town's Dredging Committee for donating their time and efforts.

The State Office of Waterways (Kevin Mooney) will be awarding a grant to the Town of Westport for \$25,000 upfront and \$40,000 more dollars for FY04 to be used for sampling, planning, testing, design and engineering of the Town Dock Dredging Project and adjacent waters. Using CPC monies voted by Town Meeting in 2003 and 2004 totaling \$30,00 and \$50,000 respectively and monies from the Environmental bond bill by Representative Michael Rodrigues (\$200,000 - \$250,000) it is hoped that this dredging project will be completed by the fall of 2005 or early winter of 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard B. Earle
Harbormaster

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit this report as department head of the Westport Highway Department for the year ending December 31, 2004.

In 2004 the Highway Department continued to maintain 160 miles of roadway. On August 26, 2004, Adamsville Road was repaved with a new method of recycling called "Asphalt-Rubber Surface treatment with Aggregate Cover", which is used rubber tires. Also, on October 20, 2004 eleven roads off of Route 6 were repaved.

The Highway Department has regular duties of:

1. General maintenance and resurfacing of roads;
2. Installation and repair of drainage;
3. Cleaning and installation of catch basins;
4. Tree trimming and brush cutting;
5. Mowing along sides of roads and landings;
6. Processing of loam, sand, gravel and stone on site;
7. Winter season plowing and sanding;
8. Maintenance of vehicles and equipment; and
9. Roadside pick up of rubbish.

As with prior years, the Highway Department has assisted other Town departments with their projects and undertakings. In 2004, from April 7th to June 30th, the Highway Department supplied

manpower to the Board of Health for the hauling of trash.

On December 30, 2004, the Highway Department received a donated forty-two foot "1994 International Bucket Tree Truck". This donation was accomplished through the efforts of Mr. Paul Jennings and Mr. William Walsh.

The Highway Department looks forward to accommodating the needs of the Town of Westport and will remain efficient in this undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold J. Sisson Jr.
Highway Surveyor

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The following is a report of the Westport historical Commission for the year ending December 31, 2004.

2004 was a tumultuous year for the Westport Historical Commission (WHC). Proposed major alterations to a small house in the Westport Point Historic District caused an angry outcry from Point residents and brought to light the need for some important changes in how the WHC works. This resulted in a reorganization of the WHC with the resignation of four longstanding members and the appointment of three new members.

To further our understanding of how other historical commissions work, the WHC hosted a half-day open meeting with representatives from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Preservation Mass and the public to discuss and answer questions about WHC goals, procedures, guidelines, enforcement and related matters.

The WHC is in the process of writing complete operating Rules and Regulations along with updated Guidelines for the Westport Point Historic District. The Demolition By-Law application is being refined in consultation with the Building Department. An overreaching goal continues to be establishing better communication among Town bodies and coordinating our efforts with the Building Department, Conservation Commission and the Board of Health for better communication between Town boards.

During the year members held a walk-through inspection of the Handy House, which is under WHC purview through deed restrictions. Members have been involved in heightening cemetery awareness and protection in Town along with working with State organizations involved in the Gifford Road Drainage Project to develop alternative solutions that preserve the Gifford Mill Site. With Community Preservation Act funding, historic markers were placed at seven sites throughout the Town, a series of vintage Town maps are being preserved and other preservation projects are in the developmental stage.

Point residents and other concerned citizens formed a Westport point Neighborhood Association (WPTNA). The WHC has welcomed the increased participation of Point residents and others through the WPTNA, which has provided support, valuable research and the sense of working together towards the common goal of preserving and protecting the architectural integrity of the Westport Point Historic District.

During 2004 six Certificates of Appropriateness were issued, along with one Certificate of Hardship and one Certificate of Non-Applicability. The WHC's annual budget of \$575 is used for the

advertising of hearings, postage and supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Millham, Chairwoman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Westport Housing Authority is a public agency operated by a Board of Commissioners composed of four town elected members and a Governor Appointee. This Authority is regulated by the Massachusetts Dept. of Housing And Community Development and operates a 48-unit complex known as Greenwood Terrace located on 666 State Road. It is the only development under the auspices of the authority. All units are two room (one bedroom) units suitable for an individual or a couple. This state subsidized housing is available to applicants at least 60 years of age or disabled with incomes not exceeding \$38,000 for one person and \$43,450 for two. There is no asset limit. Rents are based on approximately 30% of the tenant's income. Applications are processed according to a state determined priorities and preferences basis.

Report for 2004

There will be one vacant seat on the Board of Commissioners to be voted on in the Town Election in April. For a third year in a row, the Housing Authority has been level funded by the State of Massachusetts and as such, it has forced them to look for alternative means of funding for modernization projects. The Authority is awaiting engineering studies from DHCD with the aspirations of improving its handicapped amenities with the possible utilization of Community Preservation Funds. With a need for elderly/handicapped housing in the Town, the Authority is pursuing options to construct additional units on the approximate three acres of land adjacent to the existing site. The Housing Authority is in the process of upgrading its electrical system from a single phase to a three-phase system at a cost of approximately \$25,000.

Board of Commissioners

The Board holds their regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 PM. This is an open forum. Interested community members and tenants are welcome to participate.

Members for 2004

Donald Maynard
Elizabeth Collins
Duncan Albert
Sarah Howard-McHugh
Marjorie Holden

Chair
Vice-Chair
Treasurer
Secretary
Governor's Appointee

Term Expires

2006
2005
2008
2009
2007

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Beauregard
Executive Director

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen established in 2001 a Housing Partnership Committee (HPC) to address an affordable housing strategy. The HPC was activated in 2004 with an expanded committee and an Advisory Board to help Westport begin to address its housing challenges. The HPC meets regularly on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

A Housing Needs Study (the Study) was completed in June 2004 by volunteers and members of HPC. The authors of the Study utilized and adhered to the guidelines and format of the Housing Needs Workbook published by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership. The study has determined the number and types of housing units needed, priorities for the creation of such units, and actions the Town can take to create the units. In compliance with Section I of the State's *Guidelines to Planned Production Regulation*, the Study has examined community demographics, existing housing stock, and subsidized units.

The HPC's main priority in 2004 was to develop the Westport Affordable Housing Planned Production Plan (Production Plan) for approval by the Department of Housing Community Development (DHCD). The Production Plan is one of the most important steps to complete in order to manage growth, in particular Chapter 40B projects inappropriately proposed on marginal land. The Production Plan was submitted to DHCD in November 2004 yet needed further work. It is in the final stage of being amended and will be resubmitted in March 2005.

Based on the results of the Study as well as the Master Plan, Westport must expand and diversify its housing stock and increase the number of affordable units to adequately meet the needs of the community. State records indicate that 2.61% of Westport housing is considered affordable by the State; Westport has a total of 93 existing affordable units and has permitted an additional 114 affordable units during the past few years. At less than 3%, Westport falls significantly short of the State's minimum of 10% affordable units. Along with a low percentage of affordable housing, Westport must also address the fact that existing affordable units serve almost exclusively a small section of the population: residents over 55 years of age. Although Westport has an unusually high number of elderly residents, it is clear that there is need for affordable housing to sufficiently serve all other segments of the population.

Westport's Police, Fire, and Highway Department employees are required to live in town, yet unless they already own a home, only the top management positions can afford local housing. Westport's housing stock also lacks diversity; the vast majority of homes are single-family, detached, and owner-occupied. In addition, there is a limited number of year-round rental units, many of which are aging, with a vacancy rate below 2%.

In response to these established needs, Westport will strive to create at least .75% of total units as affordable units every calendar year until that percentage meets or exceeds 10% of the Town's year-round housing units. Westport's future challenge will be truly to diversify its housing stock and to create affordable rental and ownership units for families, persons with special needs, and non-elderly individuals, as well as for elderly residents. This challenge is particularly daunting considering municipal conditions and constraints, including overburdened Town agencies, a stressed school system, very limited Town sewer and water facilities, a shallow aquifer that provides water to a large percentage of Westport's residents and farms, fragile ecosystems, rapidly increasing land valuation, seasonal population fluctuations, and the maintenance of Westport's important agricultural resources.

Recently, the Town has made significant progress towards accomplishing its housing goals. Below is a summary of recent affordable housing activity by Town entities.

- The Deed Restriction Article, proposed by the Board of Selectmen along with the Housing Partnership Committee, was adopted at Town Meeting 2004.
- The Assisted and Independent Living By-law, proposed by the Planning Board, was adopted at Town Meeting 2004.

- Community Preservation Committee funds were allocated for a re-zoning study and a planned production plan, at the request of the Planning Board with support from HPC, at Town Meeting 2004,
- The Planning Board completed and published a comprehensive Master Plan Update with extensive sections on housing needs and strategies.
- The HPC applied for and received a Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Grant, which funded a mentor to provide technical assistance related to affordable housing production.
- The Affordable Housing Planned Production Plan required by the DHCD was submitted for initial review in November 2004. Presently it is in the final completion stage and will be resubmitted by March 2005.
- Numerous Town agencies are working together to determine developable Town-owned land.
- The HPC, in collaboration with other Town agencies, is currently organizing a public education and outreach initiative to inform Westporters about housing needs, goals and strategies, and to involve them in the process.

As Chair of the Housing Partnership Committee I would like to thank the following members of the HPC and the members of the HPC Advisory Board for their countless hours of volunteerism, their vision and commitment to facilitating the production of Affordable Housing in our community.

HPC Members

Jeff Bull
Elizabeth Collins
John Montano
Sarah McHugh Howard, Secretary

Advisory Board

David Dionne
Thomas McGarr
Elaine Ostroff
Laura Petrucci

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Burke, Chair

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LANDING COMMISSION

TREASURER

I hereby submit my annual report as Treasurer, December 31, 2004

Balance January 1, 2004	\$28,557.36
Received from Leases	4,333.00
Interest Received on Deposits	<u>503.71</u>
TOTAL	\$33,394.07
Expenditures 2004	930.19
Balance December 31, 2004	\$32,463.88

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Foster
Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WESTPORT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Westport Free Public Library hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

Pauline Dooley
Susan Pedreira
Marjorie Sandborg

Ruth Manchester
Deborah Lee
Nancy Dawson

Staff

Library Director
Assistant Library Director
Library Clerk
Library Clerk
Library Aide
Custodian

Susan Branco
Linda Cunha
Gayle Boudria
Jane Young
Janina Oliver
John Medeiros

There were some changes at the library this year. Linda Cunha was hired to fill the Assistant Library Director/Children's and Young Adult Librarian position and Marjorie Sandborg was newly elected to the Board of Trustees.

For the second year in a row the library needed to apply for a waiver from the State Board of Library Commissioners, since we failed to meet the state's minimum requirement for funding from the town, in order to maintain our certification. The Assistant Library Director was hired at thirty hours instead of the usual thirty-five hours a week as a cost-saving measure. Beginning July 1, 2004, two hours were added to the weekly schedule in order to maintain compliance for state aid.

We have much to be thankful for in 2004. The Friends of the Westport Library (FOWL) annual book sale raised \$2,340.75 for our use. Members of the community contributed approximately eight hundred hours of volunteer service. Heather Wilson and Brownie Troop #675, along with the Westport Garden Club, continued to beautify our front gardens and the wreaths and poinsettias provided by the Garden Club greeted visitors during the holiday season. Claude Ledoux donated copies of his "Westport Matters" program and Norma Judson and other volunteers continue to organize the Westport History Collection.

Many site improvements have been made. The long awaited project room flooring was installed in the spring thanks to the efforts of Eva McGuinness. Students from Diman Regional Vocational High School installed new emergency lighting for just the cost of materials. A volunteer built new storage room shelving with wood purchased by FOWL, providing much needed space for book donations and library materials. The staff reconfigured the computer area to make it more accessible and FOWL donated an additional workstation and chair. The Wednesday Bridge Club replaced the old refrigerator.

A generous donation was made by Neil and Sylvia Van Sloun to help us purchase four new computers for a circulation system upgrade in 2005. The Harry R. Hoyt Fund provided a wireless Internet connection for the computer previously donated by the Westport Historical Society. The Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust awarded the library a grant to develop a computerized searchable index of Claude Ledoux's "Westport Matters" programs. A trust fund, in memory of Rosemary Woodman Mullaney, was established by her husband, Joseph E. Mullaney, Esquire to purchase books by and about women authors and travel books.

Many programs attracted large audiences. The Westport Arts Council (WAC), through a grant

from the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust, sponsored Sparky's Puppets "Explore the Land of Enchantment". "Under One Sky: Stories and songs from Around the World" by Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell was, also, sponsored by WAC with funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council annual allocation. FOWL sponsored David Mello's "Tales Best Told in the Dark" and Ingrid Waldron, a local author, talked about her book The Year of D-Day. Rhonda Plourde provided a "Music Together" workshop.

Linda Cunha participated in Dr. Seuss day at the Westport Elementary School; she visited first grade classes to promote the library, and made several visits to Westport Country Day School and Codimont Nursery School. Story hour programs were held in the spring and fall for children 2 _ to 5 years old. Summer reading ran from June to mid August: Children kept reading logs, attended workshops and a pajama story hour, had a pizza party, and received reading certificates.

The first make and take Christmas decorations workshop was held in December. Middle School children also attended a workshop to make decorations. The result was a beautifully decorated library tree.

In the fall the Board of Trustees conducted a survey to discern the needs and opinions of our library patrons and we recently completed our five-year Plan of Service for the state. We hope that we will not lose our state certification and state aid to libraries due to town budget constraints.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline B. Dooley, Chair



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

I respectfully submit my 2004 Annual report as Moderator of the Town of Westport.

Town Meetings

Westport held an Annual and a Special Town Meeting that began June 8, 2004. The Special Town Meeting was concluded the same day. The Annual Town Meeting continued for six sessions ending on June 22, 2004.

Finance Committee

In June of 2004, the Finance Committee lost two members who had served with distinction for several years. Chairman Chester B. Adams, Jr. declined reappointment at the expiration of his term. Vice-Chairman Veronica F. Beaulieu resigned effective at the conclusion of Town Meeting. Both gave very generously of their time and their considerable talents over a long period of time. They deserve the Town's deepest gratitude.

John J. Baughan of River Road and Robert N. McCarthy of Drift Road both agreed to extend their distinguished service by accepting reappointment to new three-year terms expiring June 30, 2007.

John E. Miller of Windward Way was appointed to complete the two years remaining on the term vacated by Mrs. Beaulieu's resignation. His term will expire on June 30, 2006. Klaus Nygaard of Forsythia Lane was appointed to a three-year term expiring June 30, 2007 filling the vacancy left by Mr. Adams' retirement. A change in employment circumstances forced Mr. Nygaard to resign at the beginning of 2005. Lisa S. Arnold of Old County Road was appointed to serve the remainder of that term expiring

June 30, 2007.

Finance Committee
As Of
January 2005

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Paul Schmid III, Chairman	June 30, 2006
Charles A. Goldberg, Vice-Chairman	June 30, 2005
Patricia M. Sieminski	June 30, 2005
John E. Miller	June 30, 2006
Maxwell Turner	June 30, 2005
Warren M. Messier	June 30, 2006
Robert N. McCarthy	June 30, 2007
John "Jack" Baughan	June 30, 2007
Lisa Arnold	June 30, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Fors, Moderator



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

The Westport Personnel Board hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

The Board was chaired by Ann E. Chandanais until her resignation effective August 18, 2004. Other members were Marlene Pelletier, June Hebert, Veronica Beaulieu (Finance Committee representative), and Phyllis Michalewich. Mrs. Pelletier resigned effective 6/30/04 and Veronica Beaulieu who chose not to be reappointed to the Finance Committee no longer served on the Board as of June 30th. Finance Committee representative Klaus Nygaard replaced Mrs. Beaulieu. June Hebert also resigned effective August 19, 2004.

On June 14th, the Board appointed Eileen Sheehan to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Pelletier and on September 20th, Paul Stein and Robert Bergeron were appointed to fill the remaining vacancies. Phyllis Michalewich was elected Chairperson once the new Board was established.

Throughout the year members reviewed, amended and updated the by-laws. Two Public Access Staff Assistants were recommended as well as the position of Recording Clerk for the Board of Health. To bring the non-union employees more in line with Town Hall union employees, an amended vacation schedule was approved.

In addition, the town meeting voted to approve fringe benefits and other benefits for the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police and Fire Departments equal to the regular employees within their respective departments.

The Board looks forward to reviewing the present by-laws that appear to need considerable updating and clarity.

In closing, we wish to thank Ann Chandanais, Marlene Pelletier and June Hebert for their multiple years of dedicated service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Michalewich, Chairwoman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board hereby submits its annual report for the year 2004.

Role

Under the Massachusetts General Laws, the Planning Board is charged with formulating and administering Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of land in accordance with the Subdivision Control Act; with reviewing plans for all proposed subdivisions; with reviewing and holding public hearings on all zoning amendments; and with preparing the Master Plan. In addition, the Board advises the Town on land use projects and policies and tracks development trends affecting Westport.

The Planning Board staff conducts research and analysis to assist the Board and provides responses to hundreds of requests for information from a wide variety of parties.

Meetings

The Board meets every other Tuesday evening in the Town Hall Annex. During 2004 the Board held 26 regular meetings and 19 public hearings. 16 public hearings were for the purpose of considering proposed definitive subdivisions and 3 to consider zoning amendments. At the request of Town Meeting, the Board produced by-laws for Assisted and Independent Living and for Townhouse Development. The Assisted and Independent Living By-Law was passed by Town Meeting, but due to improper voting procedure at Town Meeting, the Attorney General disapproved several supporting articles, such as definitions. The Board withdrew the Townhouse by-law because it felt it needed to be more thoroughly explained before being put to a vote. The Board also worked with the Building Inspector, who proposed changes to the Phased Development By-Law and the Accessory Apartment by-law. After the Building Inspector chose to withdraw his proposals, the Planning Board, which was the official sponsor of the articles, also withdrew them.

Membership

All members are elected to a five-year term. Chairman Wayne Sunderland will serve until 2008; Vice Chairman Gregory Franchetti until 2009; John Montano until 2006; David Wallace until 2005; and Clerk Timothy Gillespie will serve until 2007.

Staff

Administrative Assistant Gale E. Nigrelli; Principal Clerk Bernadette Oliver.

Revenues

The Board collected a total of \$19,769.15 in filing fees and other charges in 2004, as compared with \$17,555.60 in 2003, reflecting an increase in revenues of 13 per cent.

Table 1. Plans Submitted, Endorsed, Approved

Type	Plans Submitted	Plans Approved	Plans Withdrawn	Plans Denied	To be acted on in 2005	New Lots Created
ANR	36	32	3	1	0	30
Preliminary	4	4	0	0	0	–
Definitive	18	14	1	0	3	38
Definitives submitted in 2003, acted on in 2004	2	2	0	0	0	13
Totals of plans submitted in 2004	60	52	4	1	3	68
Total New Lots Created 2004						81

Table 2. Plan Submissions And Number Of New Lots Created
Per Cent Change, 2001-2004

Plan Type	Per Cent Change 2001-2002	Per Cent Change 2002-2003	Per Cent Change 2003-2004
ANR Plans	+46%	-9%	+16%
Preliminary	+400%	-80%	+300%
Definitive	+71%	+8%	+38%
Total Submissions	+46%	-12%	+33%
New Building Lots	+46%	+58%	-57%

Highlights

Development activity – The rate of development activity in Westport has decreased slightly in 2004 as compared with the previous 2 years, although the workload of the Planning Board has increased. ANR plan submissions increased slightly compared to 2004, but the number of new building lots created by these plans more than doubled, from 13 to 30 lots. Preliminary plan submissions increased compared to 2003. Definitive Plan submissions have increased by 38%; however, the total number of new building lots being created by definitive plans has decreased dramatically from 2003 to 2004, with 51 new lots being created in 2004 compared to 111 lots in 2003. Thus the definitive plans submitted were for smaller subdivisions than those received last year. The time demands these plans create for administrative processing, multiple hearing sessions, legal deadline tracking, plan review, construction monitoring, and lot releases have increased, but the impact on other Town services is less than last year's developments. Overall, the number of new building lots created in 2004 from both Definitive and Approval Not Required Plans has decreased by 57% from the lots created in 2003.

Work With Other Boards And Commissions

In addition to their Planning Board duties, members Tim Gillespie and Dave Wallace served as co-chairs of the Master Plan Update Committee. Dave Wallace served as the Planning Board's representative to the Agricultural Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Council. Tim Gillespie served as the Planning Board's representative to the Community Preservation Committee. Wayne Sunderland

served as the Planning Board's representative to the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). Greg Franchetti served as the Planning Board's representative to the Dredging Committee. John Montano was designated as the Planning Board's representative to the Phase II Stormwater Committee, the Housing Partnership and the Water & Sewer Committee. The Board would like to thank Phil Hudner, who served as the Board's representative on the Economic Development Task Force.

In addition to sending representatives to other Boards, the Board met jointly several times with the following Boards. Individual Planning Board members and staff worked on joint projects with these boards: Tim Gillespie and Dave Wallace worked with the Housing Partnership to prepare an RFP for a Housing/Re-Zoning Study and Housing Plan. The Board met with the Water & Sewer Committee to discuss re-zoning Rte 6. The Board met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss their request for a flashing sign by-law and a drive-through/site plan by-law. Administrative Assistant Gale Nigrelli drafted the flashing sign by-law, based on Dartmouth's by-law, as requested. She also completed projects and prepared GIS maps for several other departments. Maps were prepared for the Selectmen for a grant application, a brownfields loan application, and a study of landfill; for the Historical Commission; and for the Board of Health/DEP for studying the area around the high school. The Administrative Assistant also completed the Housing Certification application for FY2005 and obtained certification from the Commonwealth, which is required for the Town to be eligible for certain grants and gives the Town bonus points on other grant applications. Ms. Nigrelli also worked closely with SRPEDD to complete the Commonwealth Capital application, a 198-page submission, which is required for the Town to obtain funds from many state capital programs, including grants.

Roads

Road determinations - The Board gave final releases to several subdivisions and individual roads: Country Estates, Pinebrook Estates II, Costa Lane, Gabriella Lane, Shannon Drive, Jillian Way, and Courtlyn Lane and made determinations and recommendations on a number of subdivision roads whose developers proposed that the Town accept the roads as public ways at the Annual Town Meeting. Only Fieldstone Lane and Winterberry Lane in the Trout Pond Acres subdivision and Gabriela Lane were accepted by Town Meeting.

Several extensive discussions were held with residents and/or developers of Meadowbrook Farms, Hunter's Way, and Benjamin Tripp Road in an attempt to facilitate completion of the roads and their acceptance by Town Meeting. The Board asked Town Counsel to call the bond for Benjamin Tripp Road so that the Board may obtain the funds to complete its construction, as the developer has defaulted on finishing this project.

Master Plan Update Committee

The Master Plan Update Committee and Administrative Assistant finished the Master Plan and presented it to the town at a Board of Selectmen meeting in the fall. The Planning Board will now begin working on several zoning initiatives to implement the Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Sunderland, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I herein respectfully submit for your information and review the Annual Report of the Police Department for 2004.

At the present time, the Department is made up of 28 permanent Officers. We answered 17,692

calls for service this past year, up 2,221 from last year. We drove 386,483 miles patrolling your streets.

We have been an active member of S.E.M.L.E.C., (Southeastern Mass Law Enforcement Council), which is collaboration of twenty neighboring Cities and Towns. The purpose of which is to provide various mutual aid programs and services to member agencies in the event of terrorist or enemy actions, natural disaster, fire, flood storm, earthquake, aircraft or marine accident, search and rescue operations, school or workplace violence, riots, mob action, civil disturbances, natural or man-caused incidents requiring exceptional police action, private police details, various types of special investigative services, technological assistance or any situation that may be beyond the resources of any one agency.

I have been elected the Control Chief for S.E.M.L.E.C.'s Land Search and Rescue Unit. The purpose of the unit is to aid in the location of lost, missing or wanted persons. While the unit is in it's infancy stages, with the use of grant and donated funds we have acquired a Bloodhound, a Kubota RTV and a laptop computer with topographical software to aid us in this endeavor. The Bloodhound has already been a proven asset and is credited with his handler to have saved at least one life this past year by finding a missing/lost person with a serious head injury.

I would like to give special recognition to Dispatcher Jennifer Scott. She, while working her normally scheduled shift, answered a 911 call for assistance. What made this call different from most others and how she handled it changed the outcome of several lives including her own. When Jennifer picked up the phone and said, "911 Recorded line what is your emergency" she was greeted by a hysterical young female that had just come home to find her father attempting to hang himself in the basement. What complicated matters more; the call did not originate from the Town of Westport. It was transferred here because the caller was on a cell phone. Dispatcher Scott was able to calm the hysterical caller, ascertain the location of the victim and dispatch Police and EMS services out of our jurisdiction, while keeping the caller on the line until help arrived. The victim made it to live another day, due in part by the actions of Dispatcher Jennifer Scott. I am sure that Jennifer felt she was just doing her job. Thank you, Jennifer for doing your job. You have made a difference in someone's life. For that, you should be proud. We as members of the Police Department are.

I am also pleased to announce for the upcoming year the "Whistle Defense Program". Through the use of grant funding, we were able to purchase high quality brass whistles that coupled with some defensive mindset training should prove to be an effective weapon in the fight against victimization. Thanks to the cooperation with School Department, we will begin the program in the High School. Any adult organization interested in participating should contact the Office of the Chief of Police.

We, as a department, are especially pleased to have worked along side the Fire Department, the Board of Health, the Highway Department, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Hall Employees, and the School Department to make Westport a better place to live.

Chief of Police

Keith A. Pelletier

Deputy Chief

John R. Gifford

Administrative Assistant

Nancy A. Braga

Lieutenant(s)

Paul E. Holden

John J. Bell (Acting)

Sergeants

Jeffrey F. Majewski

Thomas R. Plourde

Michael D. O'Connor

Johnny P. Couto

Antonio J. Cestodio

Regular Police Officers

Michael R. Roussel

Gary M. Foley

David Simcoe

Marshall A. Ronco

Mario D. DaCunha

Gary L. Cambra

Scott W. Arrington

Francois A. Napert

David B. Arruda

Michael D. Silva

Daniel R. Sullivan

Robert E.

Thatcher

Todd C. Oliver	Christopher A. Dunn	Kristen R. Barboza	Christopher
M. Mello			
Ryan S. Nickelson	Bryan C. McCarthy	David M. Leite (Trainee)	

E-911 Dispatchers

Jennifer J. Scott	David M. Leite (Leave)
Stacy A. Rose	Conrad J. Lafontaine
Tara E. Souza (part time)	

Reserve Police Officers

Mark Andrade	Barry F. Beaulieu	David E. Bellavance	Ernest P. Belliveau
Eugene J. Benevides	Eric Bush (resigned)	Kristine M. Carreiro	Ernest M.
Chretien			
Maurice E. Dore	Paul M. Douglas	Thomas Garrity	Stephen D. Kovar
Jr.			
Conrad J. LaFontaine	Thomas H. Lemieux	David M. Leite	Keith J. Novo
John R. Pereira	Michael S. Perry	Richard J. Rodrigues	Mark C.
Rosinha			
Brian D. Souza	Eric J. Vanasse		

Explorer Post #305 - by Deputy Chief John R. Gifford, Post Advisor

Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age, or are 15 years of age but have not yet reached their 21st birthday. Law Enforcement Explorer posts help youth gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

Our superactivity for 2004 was a Masonic Child Identification Program (CHIP) held at Westport High School on May 22nd. The event was a huge success as we processed 130 youngsters. We also participated in Safety Day and Christmas in the Village. Post participants have included Nathan A. Dufault, Brian Moniz, Brian S. Parent, Steven N. Phipps, and Tara E. Souza. We are constantly trying to recruit new members.

Training has been a large part of Post meetings again this year, as our members work towards attaining a number of proficiency awards.

The following awards were earned by Post members during this calendar year:

1 Year of Tenure	Nathan A. Dufault Brian S. Parent
NRA Explorer Marksmanship	Brian S. Parent
Perfect Attendance	Tara E. Souza
Explorer of the Year	Steven N. Phipps

Ms. Tara E. Souza currently holds the rank of lieutenant within the Post. Steven N. Phipps was awarded the rank of sergeant.

Detective Report - by Lieutenant John J. Bell

During the past year, the Detective Division investigated 109 complaints. This included 27 Breaking and Entering complaints [of which 15 were cleared], 5 identity theft complaints, 4 sexual assault investigations and 6 narcotic investigations.

The Detective Division had 36 arrests, 29 warrant requests and 6 subjects were summons into court. Detectives also served 5 search warrants during the year.

Detectives from the Detectives Bureau also serve on a regional task force consisting of Detectives from New Bedford, Fall River, Dartmouth and Fairhaven. The task force meets regularly to share information on a vast array of subjects from Breaking & Entering's to narcotics trafficking. The task force also sponsors training sessions that are routinely attended by Westport Detectives.

If you have information you want to share with detectives and wish to remain anonymous, you can call the Westport Police Tip Line at 508-636-3508.

"Are You Ok" - by Officer Gary M. Foley

The Westport Police Department in partnership with the Westport Council on Aging has established a program that places telephone calls to senior citizens at a predetermined time to check on their well being.

The program uses a computer system and software to make automated calls to subscribers and will alert 911 dispatchers in the event two calls go unanswered. The dispatcher can then send a Police Officer or any other appropriate emergency personnel to the subscriber's residence to personally check on their well being. The system also contains emergency contact information for the subscriber's next of kin, key holders etc. The service is free, and maintained by the Police Department. Interested parties can contact the Westport Council on Aging to subscribe.

School Resource Officer (Westport Middle School) - by SRO Gary M. Foley

I have once again been assigned as the Westport Middle Schools Resource Officer, for the second year. This position will reinforce the established position at the High School held by Officer Roussel. My duties include teaching the D.A.R.E. program to the entire 5th grade class as well as many visits to the 7th grade health classes to reinforce the many segments of the health curriculum. I also have begun an anti bullying program that is being taught to the 6th grade class.

My duties also include enforcing laws and bringing criminal charges when necessary. I am pleased to report, as of this writing, I have only had to bring criminal charges against 2 students. I feel this low number is due to the interaction I have with the students, making it possible to address problems before they happen. I look forward to serving in this capacity for years to come and help establish a strong bond between police and the youth of our community.

D.A.R.E. Program - by Officer Gary M. Foley

The Westport Police D.A.R.E. division is once again striving to teach youths to refrain from the use of drugs, and avoid violence. Officer Foley has instructed all 5th grade classes with the core curriculum. As of this writing, Sgt. Cestodio and Officer Barboza are in the planning stage for the 1st and 3rd grade classes.

Due to overwhelming support of school officials and parents, the program has enjoyed great success. In June of 2004 Officer Foley, Sgt. Cestodio and Officer Barboza attended a re-certification in a new and exciting curriculum that has been written to keep the program current with the new millennium. Officer Foley attended a weeklong summer camp sponsored by the Bristol County District Attorney's Office held in August and attended by several Westport students. The Program continues to build strong bonds between the Police and the community.

The Westport Police D.A.R.E. program will continue to strive to build positive community bonds with the students not only during the school year, but for a lifetime.

Training - by Sergeant Thomas R. Plourde

During 2004, in addition to the mandatory In-Service Training, officers on the Westport Police Department received specialized training in the following areas:

- Radar Certification: Officers Beaulieu, Troia, Benevides and Douglas (16 hours)
- Lidar Certification: Officers Troia and Beaulieu (8 hours)
- Interview and Interrogation: Officers Sullivan and Arrington (40 hours)
- Street Survival Techniques: Officers McCarthy and Dunn (40 hours)
- Search Warrants: Officers McCarthy and Dunn (8 hours)
- Patrol Rifle: All full and part time officers: (4 hours)
- K-9 Certification : Officer Barboza (80 hours)
- Basic Motorcycle Instruction: Officer Cestodio (40 hours)
- Standard Field Sobriety Testing: Officers Troia, Beaulieu, Souza, Vanasse, O'Connor (24 hrs)
- Fingerprinting Techniques: Officers Dunn and McCarthy (8 hours)
- Breath Test Re-certification: Officers Cambra, Arruda, Arrington, Silvia, DaCunha, Cestodio and Troia (8 Hours)
- Search and Seizure: Officers Sullivan and Dunn
- Aggressive Teens Seminar: School Resource Officers Foley and Roussel
- Search Warrant Execution: Officers Sullivan and Arrington (40 hours)
- Breath Test Re-certification: Sergeant Majewski and Officer Nickelson
- Writing Telephone Subpoenas: Detective Dunn
- Suicide Prevention: Officer Vanasse
- 21 Week Basic Recruit Academy: Officer Leite

K-9 Report - by Officer Kristen Barboza

During 2004 "Ben", my 18-month old bloodhound, and I were extremely busy. In addition to the bi-weekly in-service, which we attend throughout the year, we also attended a one-week National Police Bloodhound Association Training Seminar in Salamanca, N.Y. and a one-week training seminar and certification sponsored by The Massachusetts State Police. These training seminars consisted of various aspects of tracking and scent recognition. During this training, Ben and I were expected to track suspects through wooded and residential areas, brooks and streams, and across busy roadways. The most interesting training was when the Massachusetts State Police Helicopter flew Ben and me to a site where we then tracked a suspect. This training allowed us to experience a scenario of being quickly brought to a scene where our services are required. All in all my training experiences have been overwhelming. Our entire training thus far has been at no cost to the town.

Throughout the year Ben and I have been called for service several times for various reasons. The first call for service was to assist in locating a suspect that had been breaking into vehicles in town. This incident occurred only a few weeks after I received Ben. We were able to track this suspect through the woods and across both sides of Route 195 to where the suspect left the area in a stolen truck. In another incident I was called to locate a seriously injured male who had struck a 2,000-pound horse that was in the roadway. We were able to locate the injured male who was disoriented and had wandered

into an abandoned house that was down the street. After paramedics transported the male to the hospital I was informed that due to locating him quickly we saved his life, as he had possible life threatening injuries. We were also utilized in locating a suicidal male on East Beach.

Ben and I have been called for service by Fall River for a bank robbery, Somerset for a missing two-year old, Marion for a missing ten-year old, Freetown for a missing Alzheimer's patient and Tiverton, R.I. for a suicidal male that ran away after injuring himself.

In addition to these calls for service, Ben and I have performed K-9 demonstrations for Safety Day, Macomber Primary School's Field Day, Wal-Mart's (Fall River) Public Safety Day, the D.A.R.E. and Bullying programs, and the Boy Scouts. During my patrol duties I have also utilized Ben as a public relation tool and have been able to pass on information to youths as to what to do if they become lost.

This first year has been a fantastic learning experience for Ben and I and I look forward to assisting our officers as well as other departments in the coming years. As he and I gain experience through our continued training we hope to further sharpen our skills.

K-9 Report - by Officer Mario DaCunha

The Westport Police K-9 Division had another good year in crime prevention. Cezar and I were called out on several occasions to help the patrolman in all types of situations. The calls consisted of but not limited to housebreaks, domestic assault and battery situations, serving search warrants and looking for wanted suspects as well as residents who were lost in wooded areas.

Cezar and I have also been called out to aid area Departments including Tiverton, Fall River, Dartmouth and Little Compton. On several occasions Cezar and I were called to aid several area departments as a combined effort to control the riots, which took place at UMASS-Dartmouth.

We were also invited to conduct several K-9 Demonstrations for the Westport School Department as well as area businesses. We also participated in Demonstrations that were held by other departments including The Bristol County Sheriffs Office K-9 Division. All the demonstrations were held to educate the public on the need and usefulness of the K-9 as a tool in crime prevention.

Firearm Licensing - by Lieutenant John J. Bell

During the past year, there were a total of 337 firearm licenses issued. The total fees collected were \$25,250.00 of which, 25% of that comes back to the town.

Firearms licensing takes place on Monday and Wednesday evenings. If you need an appointment please call the Police Department. You will need the following:

- Fully completed and signed application
- Two passport size photographs of yourself
- Check or money order for \$100.00 made payable to the Town of Westport. If you're over 70 years old the license is free.
- If this is not a renewal, you will need a certificate from an approved firearms safety course.

Fees, Fines And Reimbursements Received - by Administrative Assistant Nancy Braga

The following fees, fines and reimbursements were received by the Westport Police Department and turned over to the Town Treasurer, George Foster, during the year 2004.

For Court Default/Subpoena/Witness Fees	\$ 946.80
For Firearms Licenses/Permits Issued	24,425.00
For Firearms Safety Class Fees	
4,185.00	
For Photostatic Copies of Police Reports	1,506.00

For Administrative Service Charge (off-duty details)	19,071.60
For Fines and Restitution (Fall River and New Bedford District Courts/Bristol County Juvenile Court)	10,725.00
For Motor Vehicle Citations (Registry of Motor Vehicles) 114,050.00	
For Parking Violations	34,352.75
For Police Career Incentive Program (C.41, S.108L)	74,130.32
For Federal Drug Forfeiture Account	26,105.84
For Police Department Gift Account	4,700.00
For Police Explorer Gift Account	
207.00	
For Reimbursements to Budget Line Items	5,531.90
For Vehicle Insurance Account (cruisers)	7,726.57
Total Monies	\$327,663.78

Cruiser Mileage Report – by Lieutenant Paul E. Holden

Unit Number	Year	Make	Model	Status	Start 1/1/04	Finish 12/31/04	Miles Traveled
1	2004	Ford	Explorer	Unmarked	20	9,732	9,712
2	1997	Ford	Crown Vic	Unmarked	55,312	62,180	6,868
3	1995	Chevy	Impala	Unmarked	156,777	171,280	14,503
4	1998	Ford	Explorer	Unmarked	92,611	107,518	15,207
5	2004	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	5,196	39,222	34,026
6	1995	Chevy	Caprice	Marked	170,983	174,986	4,003
7	2004	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	7,726	72,356	64,630
8	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	82,832	96,759	13,927
9	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	41,660	86,931	45,271
10	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	45,794	92,846	47,052
11	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	69,980	108,502	38,522
12	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	101,378	109,918	8,540
14	1995	Chevy	Caprice	Marked	162,835	174,520	11,685
SRO 15	1999	Ford	Taurus	Marked	55,940	61,122	5,182
17	2000	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	174,486	191,424	16,938
K9-1	1997	Ford	Explorer	Marked	134,330	142,299	7,969
185	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	20	3,024	3,004
19	1999	Chevy	Tahoe	Marked	104,207	106,033	1,826
MC 1	2000	Harley	Motorcycle	Marked	8,975	10,952	1,977
Det. 3	2000	Ford	Taurus	Unmarked	45,964	62,399	16,435
						Total:	386,483

Criminal Offenses

CRIME	NUMBER
Assault & Battery With A Dangerous Weapon	34
Annoying Telephone Calls	20
Arrest On A Warrant	29
Arson	1
Assault & Battery On Police Officer	4
Assault And Battery	26
Attempt To Commit A Crime	3
Attempted Breaking & Entering	2
Breaking & Entering Motor Vehicle	15
Break & Entering	91
Burglary	4
Conspiracy To Violate Drug Law	4

Counterfeiting	1
Criminal Harassment	7
Cruelty To Animals	2
Disorderly Conduct	18
Disturbing School Assembly	12
Disturbing The Peace	8
Domestic Assault & Battery	48
False Report Of A Crime	1
Forgery	24
Identity Theft	16
Improper Use Of Credit Card	5
Indecent Assault & Battery	7
Intimidating A Witness	12
Kidnapping	1
Larceny By Check	13
Larceny By Credit Card	6
Larceny From A Building	31
Larceny Over \$250	162
Larceny Under \$250	67
Littering	3
Minor In Possession Of Alcohol	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	25
Open And Lewdness	2
Operating Under The Influence	40
Possession Hypodermic Needle	10
Possession Of Burglarious Tools	4
Possession Of Class A Substance	6
Possession Of Class B Substance	2
Possession Of Class D Substance	29
Possession Of Class E Substance	7
Possession Of A Dangerous Weapon	2
Possession Of Fireworks	3
Rape Of A Child	2
Receiving Stolen Property Over \$250	15
Receiving Stolen Property Under \$250	1
Resisting Arrest	8
Runaway	1
Shoplifting	3
Stalking	1
Statutory Rape	4
Threats To Commit A Crime	23
Trespassing	9
Utter False Instrument	21
Vandalism	214
Violation Of 209A	17
Robbery	1
Possession Class B With Intent To Distribute	4
Improper Storage Of Firearm	8
Possession Of Alcohol Under 21	6
False Obtaining Computer Services	1
Town By Law Violation	2
Unlicensed Used Car Lot	2
Total	1,157

Motor Vehicle Citations

<u>MOVING VIOLATION</u>	<u>CIVIL</u>	<u>WARNING</u>	<u>ARREST</u>	<u>CRIMINAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Allow Improper Person To Operate	23		1	2	26
Breakdown Lane Violation			1		1

Child Not Properly Restrained	3		1		6
Drinking Alcohol From An Open Container	3		1	1	5
Drug Violation	1		21	1	23
Equipment Violation	114	32	7	9	162
Failure To Give Signal	6	1	3		10
Failure To Notify Change Of Address	2	2			2
Failure To Report Accident				1	1
Failure To Slow At An Intersection	17	16	1	2	36
Failure To Stop At A Stop Sign/ Red Light	105	88	4	8	205
Failure To Wear Seatbelt	166	4	8	9	189
Giving False Name To Police Officer			13	1	14
Improper Use Of Handicap Plate	3	16		1	20
Junior Operator License Violation	14		1	2	17
Leaving The Scent Of MV Accident				3	3
License/Registration Not In Possession	108	6	10	6	130
Marked Lanes	56	30	12	9	107
No Valid Inspection Sticker	750	116	42	24	932
Number Plate Violation	27	15	3	2	47
Operating As To Endanger			78	62	140
Operating Under The Influence			40		40
Operating With Suspended/Revoked License	2		90	130	222
Passing Violation	23	7	6	4	40
Recreation Vehicle Violation	8		2		10
Speeding	979	487	43	29	1528
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	1		17	58	76
Unlicensed Operation			17	58	67
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	76	17	12	33	138
Unsafe Operation	2		1		3
Violation DPW Rules And Regulations	18	35	1		60
Window/Obstruction/Non Transparent	1			0	1
Totals	2,508	872	436	445	4,221

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The following is the report for the Recreation Commission for the year ending December 31, 2004.

The newly-formed Westport Recreation Committee, with Members, Richard Tongue (Selectman), Steven Ouellette (Selectman), Angie Lombardi, Douglas O'Connor, Garth Patterson and Chairman George R. Cataldo, have scheduled meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. Since the time the Recreation Board formed, we have conducted site visits to the Town Hall Annex toddler playground and the Gifford Road Bicentennial Playground and have spearheaded plans to enhance both areas, as well as setting rules for participants for the care of these two enjoyable areas.

The Committee planned a Holiday Celebration for the Town Hall area with volunteers and Town officials and Town Departments helping to make it a successful "kick-off" for the Holiday season. A thank you to merchants and the Westport Police Department for their services and to Santa, who was a most welcome Guest of Honor to the little folks. Atmosphere DJ of Fall River donated other music for the affair.

More than 200 Town folks, young and old alike attended the tree decorating and lighting ceremony. Hot cider and holiday treats were passed out. Performances by the Westport Elementary Chorus were a delight to hear. The Westport Cable Television videotaped the event and was telecast the following week to the Town's people. A special thanks to Officer David Simcoe for his participation in the Holiday event.

The August meeting was held at the Selectmen's Office and produced many ideas for events in the year 2005. A young people's dance for ages 12 to 14 will be held at the Town Hall Annex in the month of April. A family "Basketball Shoot-Out" Father and Son Teams, Mother and Daughter Teams will take place this spring at the Bicentennial Park. A Chip Shot Challenge is also planned as a fundraiser for the Recreation Committee, who did not request a budget in 2005 and is preparing to fundraise with future events.

It was suggested that a parking pass for the Bicentennial Park be issued.

Chairman Cataldo designed a sign with the help of the Committee and was constructed by students from the Fall River Vocational School District. These well-made recreational signs will be placed at the Bicentennial Park and the Town Hall Annex playgrounds. The use of these two playgrounds has increased in numbers and many events are planned for the young people of Westport.

To the people of Westport, the Committee thanks you for your cooperation with the activities at these two areas. Your caring has made our Committee worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Cataldo, Chairman
Steven Ouellette, Vice-Chairman
Richard Tongue
Angie Lombardi
Douglas O'Connor
Garth Patterson

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The following is my report for the Department of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 2004.

6	Scales over 10,000 lbs.	
	5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	0
	1,000 to 5,001 lbs.	0
	100 to 1,001 lbs.	25
	10 to 101 lbs.	36
	0 to 10 lbs.	6
	Gas and Diesel Pumps Sealed	119
	Apothecary Scales	2
	Jeweler Scales	3
	Vendor Redemption Machines	6
	Citation Fines	0
	Not Sealed	6

Total Fees Paid To Town Treasurer.....\$ 2,052.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Thibault
Sealer of Weights and Measures

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF WESTPORT DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Be it known to all concerned that in accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 98, Section 41, Public Notice is hereby given to all persons having usual places of business and using a weighing and/or measuring devices (for the purpose of buying and selling goods, wares of merchandise) that between January 1 and December 31, 2004 such devices must be checked and sealed at least once. Such inspection and sealing is controlled by the Board of Selectmen and done at the expense of the person owning or using the weighing or measuring device.

Dennis K. Thibault
Sealer of Weights and Measures

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

The following is the Shellfish Department's annual report for the year ending December 2004.

In 2005 the shellfish regulation booklet will have a new and improved map along with descriptions of different types of shellfish. This was created for the benefit of some who were asking for names of islands in the river. I also thought a guide to shellfishing, with descriptions of some species would be helpful to some of you.

The new Hatchery located at the Town Dock had many visitors this past year. I hope to improve our success growing quahogs this coming spring. We found that our algae were clumping and the newly spawned quahogs were actually unable to siphon in food. We were successful with regard to getting the quahogs to spawn ten different times. Deputy Diane Baraby will be starting the algae and the process of feeding the adult quahogs that will become this year's breeders in February. We will also be trying to spawn bay scallops this year as well.

Again this past year, the department had a quahog relay. This relay was planted in three different locations in the two branches of the river. It is a very good program. Quahogs are harvested from a town that has poor water quality and taken to towns that have shellfishing permitted. They are planted and allowed to depurate over a period of time as well as possibly producing spawn. Kevin Mello, one of our local fishermen did the harvesting of this year's relay stock totaling 609 bushels. He was able to catch a very high percentage of neck and cherrystones for the town. Thank you Kevin. Also, this past year I was able to get bay scallops from Edgartown. We kept them caged to keep the predators from eating them and released them in the fall. The Southeast Shellfish Association again this year donated 90,000 additional seed bay scallops to the department and we planted them in both branches of the river. This is another effort to get a healthy scallop resource back in our waters. Thank you Southeast Shellfish Association.

In addition to the hatchery program and the relay program, we purchased 400,000 quahog seed. The 14 to 18 millimetersize seed was planted in both branches of the river. Our funding for this program came from our Shellfish Gift Fund. Some of the money was from the Lee's Market receipt collection and the Clamboil the department has annually through LePage's Seafood Restaurant. Both of these contributing entities will be continuing again in 2005. Monday April 5th is the Clamboil and raffle date and we collect the Lee's Market receipts year round. Last year's Clamboil netted \$5,000 and the Lee's slips totaled about \$1,500. Also, The Massachusetts Waterfowlers Association made a donation to the Shellfish Gift Fund. Their donation of \$500 and money from the private individuals all helps to purchase seed shellfish for the river. Thank you to all who helped by giving to our programs.

The Shellfish Department staff has grown this year from the seasoned dependable four Deputies (Robert Pierce, Mike Andrade, Diane Baraby, and Tom Mello), to eleven. The seven new deputies, (Alex Brewster, Eric Hickey, Paul Macomber, Andrew Sherman, Scott Soares, Tim Field and Jeff Francoeur), are also on an as needed bases. This is to say that no new money was added to the department budget. I will have to stay within the same budget as last year.

The Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association (MSOA) and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA) will be sponsoring a certified two-week course for Shellfish Officers at the MMA. The course helps with all aspects of the shellfish officer's job and should be very helpful to the new Deputies. This certification course came to fruition largely in part through Representative Michael Rodrigues. The MSOA put a bill together and Representative Rodrigues was instrumental in getting it through for us. Thank you Representative Rodrigues. Three of the new staff will be attending the course and I will try to have the rest of the staff take it over the next few years.

Westport High School and Durfee High School both have shellfish growing systems in place as an educational tool for the science departments. The shellfish (quahogs seed) will be grown by feeding them algae and growth will be monitored. At the end of the school year the seed will be returned to the shellfish department and we will release them into the river.

I want to take this time to thank the Shellfish Advisory Committee consisting of Jim Coughlan, Richard Hart, Dick Korwicki, Bud Smith and George Smith for their time involved with the Shellfish Department this year. I also want to thank the Police, Fire and Highway Department for their time spent helping when needed. Thank you all very much. I also would like to send a special thank you to Kitty Benoit, the Town Accountant. Kitty who stayed an extra six months, is now really retiring and

will be missed by many who know her. She is always there helping all of us in her subtle ways. Good luck and all the best to Kitty.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sherman
Shellfish Constable

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

The following is the Shellfish Departments Catch Report and statistics of revenue.

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

TYPE	NUMBER ISSUED	FEES COLLECTED
Commercial Scallop	1	\$ 150.00
Commercial Shellfish	66	6,600.00
Special Commercial Shellfish	1	30.00
Duplicate	4	20.00
Family Scallop	13	325.00
Family Shellfish	467	11,675.00
Non-resident Shellfish	64	6,400.00
Non-Resident Scallop	0	0.00
14 Day Shellfish Permit	14	700.00
Senior Citizen Shellfish	131	1,310.00
Senior Citizen Scallop	1	10.00
Dredging	1	300.00
TOTAL	763	\$ 27,520.00

ESTIMATED COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN BUSHELS	VALUE
Oysters	472	\$ 8,262.00
Mussels (Blue & Ribbed)	14	560.00
Quahogs (Chowders)	1590	29,815.00
(Little Necks & Cherrystones)	1185	67,512.00
Scallops	9	945.00
Soft-Shell Clams	38	7,413.00
Surf Clams	1603	28,854.00
SUBTOTAL	4911	\$ 143,361.00

ESTIMATED RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN BUSHELS	VALUE
Oysters	10	\$ 750.00

— Mussels (Blue & Ribbed)	4	480.00	—
— Quahogs (Chowders)	150	33,750.00	—
— (Little Necks & Cherrystones)	310	104,625.00	—
— Scallops	2	288.00	—
— Soft-Shell Clams	61	13,604.00	—
— Surf Clams	5	125.00	—
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— SUBTOTAL	542	\$ 153,622.00	—
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— Shellfish Violations Written		\$ 0.00	—
— Shellfish Gift Account Donations		\$ 11,400.00	—
— Shellfish Equipment Account Donations		127.00	—
— Grant Projects And Lease Site		\$ 100.00	—
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— GRAND TOTAL		\$ 308,610.00	—
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Remember to always use the Shellfish Hotline (508-636-1104), it is there to help you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sherman
Shellfish Constable

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Westport is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-pid) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in Southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at-large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 2001, the Town of Westport paid \$2,290.98 to SRPEDD, based on an assessment of 16.15 cents per capita.

During the past year, Russell T. Hart, Steven J. Ouellette and Wayne A. Sunderland represented the Town of Westport on the SRPEDD Commission. The Joint Transportation Planning Group representative was Russell T. Hart, Jack Sisson and Clint Boulds. Michael McCarthy was the Town of Westport's representative to the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Team and Richard M. Tongue was the representative to the Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force.

Some of SRPEDD'S more significant accomplishments during 2004 were:

Completion and approval of the Transportation Improvement (TIP), which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds. The TIP established priorities for \$31.8 million in federal and state regional targeted dollars for highway projects and \$65 million in transit dollars for SRTA and GATRA over the next three years.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Massachusetts, a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.

A pre Disaster Mitigation Plan for the region was completed in 2004. Funded by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the regional plan, in conjunction with local PDM plans, will outline steps to prepare for natural disasters and qualify participating communities for FEMA funding for this purpose.

The Taunton River Wild and Scenic Study is underway for both the upper and lower stretches of the river. SRPEDD has been funded by the National Park Service to prepare a management plan for this beautiful resource and is working with study committees representing area communities.

Plymouth Carver Aquifer Advisory Committee - With help from a grant from the Island foundation and in cooperation with the Nature Conservancy, SRPEDD has been working with this committee representing seven towns within the aquifer to examine ways to ensure its long term protection.

SRPEDD's web site contains data and information about every city and town in the region and can be reached at <http://www.srpedd.org> The Fact Book On-line was expanded again this year. It is also available in CD-ROM format.

Southeastern Mass: Vision 2020 – A 52 –community initiative to fight sprawl in Southeastern Massachusetts continued its work to control sprawl in the region. In 2004, Vision 2020 conducted a Smart Growth Audit of the region's cities and towns.

The Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force was reactivated in 2004 as the fiduciary agent for the Southeast Regional Advisory Council for Homeland Security serving 96 communities in 6 counties in Southeastern Massachusetts. The Council is responsible for planning and awarding \$7.7 million in federal homeland security funds.

SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program (including speed surveys and vehicle classification counts) and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 82 counts at various locations this past year.

An extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. Every year, new computerized "data layers" are added to the system. SRPEDD also operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, which provides information to businesses, cities and towns and individuals

SRPEDD continues to provide planning and support to the two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, on various efforts including: consumer advisory committees, route evaluations, planning, monitoring services and federal reporting.

SRPEDD continues its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. SEED is one of the Small Business Administration top lenders in New England.

In addition, municipal assistance was provided to the Town of Westport in the following areas:

- Route 6/177 Intersection Study
- Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program meeting/application review
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Assistance
- Mass Development – Brownfield Site Assessment Grant - \$25,000
- One 24-hour traffic count
- Route 6 Corridor Safety Study

SRPEDD was created to serve the cities and towns of Southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by elected and appointed officials from the cities and towns. We look forward to serving you in the future.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

Carol A. Borden, Tax Collector
 Susan A. Maynard, Assistant Tax Collector
 Lucy Tabit, Principal Clerk
 Debra M. Moore, Seasonal Clerk

Outstanding balances as of June 30, 2004:

Fiscal 2004 Real Estate:	Committed	14,938,368.34
	Receipts	14,534,673.26
	Abatements & Exemptions	119,054.06
	Refunds	39,909.12
	Subsequent Tax Title	<u>2,791.42</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	321,758.72

Voters of Westport adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) at the town election on April 5, 2001, effective Fiscal Year 2003. The CPA levies a 2% surcharge on real estate tax bills for the three-fold purpose of historic preservation, affordable housing, and open space preservation. Under the CPA, the town also receives funds from the state for the same purpose.

Fiscal 2004 CPA:	Committed	298,768.23
	Receipts	290,675.11
	Abatements & Exemptions	2,381.08
	Refunds	<u>357.22</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	6,069.26

Fiscal 2003 Real Estate:	June 30, 2003 Balance	311,784.56
	Receipts	305,218.67
	Abatements & Exemptions	11,838.51
	Refunds	16,228.73
	Tax Title	<u>10,929.78</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	26.33

Fiscal 2003 CPA:	June 30, 2003 Balance	9,055.31
	Receipts	8,883.30
	Abatements & Exemptions	236.76
	Refunds	318.09
	Subsequent Tax Title	<u>279.67</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	-26.33

A correction was entered to clean up bookkeeping between the CPA and the Tax amount. Our system pays the CPA amount first – doubling the amount when more than one entry was done on the same bill when entered on the same day. This has caused proving to be much more difficult than usual.

Fiscal 2004 Personal Property	Committed	233,808.51
	Receipts	228,468.70

	Abatements	788.82
	Refunds	<u>770.34</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	5,321.33
Fiscal 2003 Personal Property	June 30, 2003 Balance	4,384.24
	Receipts	2,892.63
	Abatements	<u>94.38</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	1,397.23
Fiscal 2002 Personal Property	June 30, 2003 Balance	2,571.35
	Receipts	<u>288.90</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	2,282.45
Fiscal 2001 Personal Property	June 30, 2003 Balance	1,422.11
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	1,422.11
Fiscal 2000 Personal Property:	June 30, 2003 Balance	287.43
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	287.43
Fiscal 1999 Personal Property:	June 30, 2003 Balance	83.13
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	83.13
Fiscal 1997 Personal Property	June 30, 2003 Balance	168.26
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	168.26
Fiscal 2004 Boat Excise	Committed	60,250.00
	Receipts	49,387.79
	Abatements	6,229.18
	Refunds	<u>302.00</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	4,935.03
Fiscal 2003 Boat Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	
10,472.08	Receipts	6,697.57
	Abatements	2,544.23
	Refunds	<u>540.41</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	1,770.69
Fiscal 2002 Boat Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	
1,243.40	Receipts	<u>85.40</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	1,158.00
Fiscal 2001 Boat Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	
491.00	Receipts	<u>38.00</u>

	June 30, 2004 Balance	453.00
Fiscal 2000 Boat Excise 224.12	June 30, 2003 Balance	
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	224.12
Fiscal 1999 Boat Excise 25.89	June 30, 2003 Balance	
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	25.89
2004 Motor Vehicle Excise	Committed	1,245,441.25
	Receipts	1,018,722.20
	Abatements	56,846.78
	Refunds	<u>2,174.72</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	172,046.99
2003 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	153,736.95
	Additional Committed	384,704.31
	Receipts	495,058.93
	Abatements	34,016.43
	Refunds	<u>16,440.13</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	25,806.03
2002 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	23,578.44
	Additional Committed	15,439.63
	Receipts	25,142.87
	Abatements	2,088.53
	Refunds	<u>436.65</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	12,223.32
2001 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	12,065.45
	Receipts	2,474.11
	Abatements	<u>368.02</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	9,223.32
2000 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	8,861.78
	Receipts	946.32
	Abatements	<u>328.75</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	7,586.71
1999 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	10,210.59
	Receipts	174.06
	Abatements	<u>154.20</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	9,882.33
1998 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	2,781.08
	Receipts	-0-
	Abatements	<u>356.67</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	2,424.41

1997 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	1,999.47
	Receipts	33.70
	Abatements	<u>272.50</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	1,693.27
1996 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	2,238.03
	Receipts	40.00
	Abatements	<u>339.27</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	1,858.96
1995 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	760.08
	Additional Committed	13.75
	Receipts	13.75
	Abatements	<u>200.69</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	559.39
1994 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	670.00
	Additional Committed	5.73
	Receipts	<u>5.73</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	670.00
1993 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	75.01
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	75.01
1992 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	27.50
	Additional Committed	29.38
	Receipts	<u>29.38</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	27.50
1991 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	18.75
	Additional Committed	25.00
	Receipts	<u>25.00</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	18.75
2003 Farm Animal Excise	Committed	4,438.73
	Receipts	3,766.23
	Abatements	<u>257.50</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	415.00
2002 Farm Animal Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	553.75
	Receipts	73.75
	Abatements	<u>257.50</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	222.50
2001 Farm Animal Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	83.58
	Abatements	<u>83.58</u>
	June 30, 2004 Balance	-0-

2000 Farm Animal Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	257.50	
	Abatements	<u>257.50</u>	
	June 30, 2004 Balance		-0-
1999 Farm Animal Excise	June 30, 2003 Balance	257.50	
	Abatements	<u>257.50</u>	
	June 30, 2004 Balance		-0-
Litigated Taxes	June 30, 2003 Balance	1,622.32	
	Additional Accounts	1,456.83	
	Receipts	<u>1,448.68</u>	
	June 30, 2004 Balance		1,630.47
2003 Wharfage	Committed	24,748.80	
	Receipts	<u>22,804.16</u>	
	June 30, 2004 Balance		1,944.64
960.00 2002 Wharfage	June 30, 2003 Balance		
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>	
	June 30, 2004 Balance		960.00
480.00 2001 Wharfage	June 30, 2003 Balance		
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>	
	June 30, 2004 Balance		480.00
960.00 2000 Wharfage	June 30, 2003 Balance		
	Receipts	<u>546.16</u>	
	June 30, 2004 Balance		413.84
760.00 1999 Wharfage	June 30, 2003 Balance		
	Receipts	<u>760.00</u>	
	June 30, 2004 Balance		-0-
2003 Moorings	Committed	2,750.00	
	Receipts	<u>2,393.34</u>	
	June 30, 2003 Balance		356.66

Eighteen parcels were advertised for non-payment of Fiscal 2003 Real Estate taxes. Nine were paid in full and nine were turned over to the Treasurer to be set up as Tax Title Accounts.

A total of \$3,331.89 was collected for the School Improvement Fund.

\$7,422.92 was collected for Rollback taxes and \$1,446.00 for conveyance tax.

868 Municipal Lien Certificates were prepared at a cost of \$25 each for a total of \$21,700. A municipal lien certificate lists the status of taxes for a three-year period and is usually requested from attorneys for closings.

The fee structure for warrants was changed during this fiscal year. The charge for preparing warrants raised from \$5 to \$10 (which the town keeps). The deputy fees also went up from \$9 to \$12 for the issuance of the first warrant, and from \$14 to \$17 for delivery of the second notice. Warrants are issued for delinquent motor vehicle excise tax, boat excise tax, personal property tax, and farm animal excise tax bills.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Borden
Tax Collector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending June 30, 2004. Our records are available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine A. Benoit

TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2004

Assets:

Cash	2,666,585.18	
Petty Cash		150.00
Personal Property 97	168.26	
Personal Property 99	83.13	
Personal Property 2000	287.43	
Personal Property 2001	1,422.11	
Personal Property 2002	2,282.45	
Personal Property 2003	1,397.23	
Personal Property 2004	5,321.33	
Personal Property 2005	116,018.51	
Real Estate2004		
	321,761.85	
Real Estate 2005	7,630,240.95	
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions		296.66
FY99		
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions		109,357.84
FY00		
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions		37,767.17
FY01		
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions		63,716.18
FY02		
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions		40,744.70
FY03		108,684.24
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions		
FY04		

Tax Title Liens Rec.	80,054.08
Def. Property Taxes Rec.	33,869.66
Taxes in Litigation	1,630.47
Motor Vehicle 92	46.25
Motor Vehicle 93	75.01
Motor Vehicle 94	670.00
Motor Vehicle 95	559.39
Motor Vehicle 96	1,858.76
Motor Vehicle 97	1,693.27
Motor Vehicle 98	2,424.41
Motor Vehicle 99	9,882.33
Motor Vehicle 2000	7,586.71
Motor Vehicle 2001	9,223.32
Motor Vehicle 2002	12,223.32
Motor Vehicle 2003	25,806.08
Motor Vehicle 2004	172,046.99
Boat Excise 99	25.89
Boat Excise 2000	224.12
Boat Excise 2001	453.00
Boat Excise 2002	1,105.00
Boat Excise 2003	1,770.69
Boat Excise 2004	4,935.03
Farm Animal 2002	222.50
Farm Animal 2003	415.00
Ambulance Rec.	276,098.09
Veterans Benefits	12,076.85
Tax Foreclosures	46,774.59

Liabilities And Fund Equity:

Warrants Payable	589,454.49
Tailings and Unclaimed Items	10,814.95
Deferred Real Estate Tax	7,591,436.01
Deferred Personal Property Tax	126,980.45
Deferred Taxes (41A)	33,869.66
Deferred Tax Liens	80,054.08
Deferred Tax Foreclosures	46,774.59
Deferred Taxes in Litigation	1,630.47
Deferred Motor Vehicle Excise	244,095.84
Deferred Boat Excise	8,513.73
Deferred Farm Animal Excise	637.50
Deferred Departmental	288,174.94
Fund Balance Reserved-Encumbrances	226,524.61
Fund Balance Reserved-	887,500.54
Cont.Appropriations	
Undesignated Fund Balance	1,019,235.91
Appropriation Deficits	67,095.32
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Fund Totals	11,516,414.56
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	11,516,414.56

School Lunch:

Cash	50,172.25
Warrants Payable	1,934.22
Undesignated Fund Balance	48,238.03
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Police Bulletproof Vests		747.00
Rep Herring Run @ Adamsville Rd		385.70
Recycling/Compost Bins		140.28
Watch Your Car/Police		397.48
Click It or Ticket It	973.62	
CDBG/ Community Development		853.49
B.C. Homeland Security Grant		68,107.76
Gifford Rd Stormwater Project		1,448.96
Buzzard Bay/Gifford Road		1,992.92

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Fund Totals	242,077.18	242,077.18

Reserved For Appropriations:

Cash	257,467.32	
Municipal Waterway Improvement		53,471.06
Sale of Cemetery Lots		91,080.00
Weights & Measures Fines		112.50
Landfill Closure		
		112,803.76

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Fund Totals	257,467.32	257,467.32

School Revolving:

Cash	111,455.86	
Warrants Payable		5,471.46
School Day Care		20.04
School Choice Tuition		50,752.68
Lost supplies/Materials		3,973.37
Student Athletic Activities		12,940.00
Adult/Continuing Education		6,175.75
School Scholarship		2,300.00
e -Rate Telephone		14,048.21
Transportation/Reimbursement		
		15,774.35

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Fund Totals	111,455.86	111,455.86

Town Revolving:

Cash	512,497.90	
Warrants Payable		12,033.39
MA Cultural Council		2,081.33
BOH/ Beach Testing		8,086.41
Septic vs Well Test/BOH		20,825.00
Wetland Filing Fees		51,404.21
Library-New Floor Gift		566.98
Nurse/COA Health Care		3,775.77
COA/ Clinic Gift		9,543.09
COA/ Mini Van Gift		
		282.30
Library Gift		5,972.72

Ambulance Revolving	135,213.30	
Shellfish/Equipment Gift	1,735.71	
Fire Works Gifts	6,172.42	
GIS Mapping Revolving	9,035.00	
Shellfish Propagation Gift	11,450.33	
Water & Sewer Project Gift	18.00	
Police Explorer Post 305	627.20	
Police Gift Account	3,283.93	
Fire Dept Gift Account	6,409.67	
Town Wharf Improvements	2,704.08	
Westport Agricultural Gift	1,351.93	
Town Waterways Improve Fund	2,500.00	
Cable TV Revolving	164,230.17	
Senior Center Building Revolving	2,692.15	
Senior Day Care Revolving	39,418.04	
Recreation/Community Center Rev	6,083.40	
Highway Insurance Reimbursement	2,650.00	
Police Insurance Reimbursement	1,379.59	
Cemetery Ins Reimbursement	971.78	

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Fund Totals	512,497.90	512,497.90

Betterments:

Septic:		
Cash	65,994.71	
Levy Year 98	19,644.24	
Levy Year 2003	39,015.77	
Septic System Repair		30,877.83
Interest added to Septic	2,198.57	
Septic System Rep Interest Collected		12,829.58
Interest on Checking Account		7,411.11
Warrants Payable		14,876.19
Septic Assessment Deferred Rev		58,660.01
Septic Interest Assessment Deferred		2,198.57

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Fund Totals	126,853.29	126,853.29

Community Preservation:

Cash	868,016.42	
Levy Year 2004	6,064.28	
Levy Year 2005	150,806.28	
Tax Liens Receivable	695.20	
Tax Foreclosures	46.07	
Warrants Payable		2,615.18
Deferred CPA Real Estate Tax		156,870.56
Deferred CPA Tax Liens		695.20
Deferred CPA Tax Foreclosures		46.07
CPC/Open Space		110,000.00
CPC /Community Housing		75,353.00
CPC/Historic Preservation		75,000.00
CPC/General Administration		14,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		591,048.24

Fund Totals	1,025,628.25	1,025,628.25
<u>School Capital Project:</u>		
Cash	171,941.52	
Reserved for Encumbrances		171,941.52
Fund Totals	171,941.52	171,941.52
<u>Landfill Capping Project:</u>		
Cash	45,164.51	
Fund Balance		45,164.51
Fund Totals	45,164.51	45,164.51
<u>Agricultural Open Space</u>		
Cash	7,293.43	
Bonds Authorized	1,500,000.00	
Authorized & Issued		705,000.00
Authorized Unissued		795,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		7,293.43
Fund Totals	1,507,293.43	1,507,293.43
<u>Water Enterprise:</u>		
Cash	60,886.02	
User Charges	3,086.53	
Service Charges Receivable	360.00	
Deferred User Charges		3,086.53
Deferred Service Charges		360.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		31,452.72
Fund Balance Reserved/Meters	523.71	
Fund Balance Reserved/Service Charges		29,957.01
Fund Totals	64,856.26	64,856.26
<u>Harbor Enterprise:</u>		
Cash	155,063.54	
Wharfage Receivable	4,344.64	
Mooring Receivable	350.00	
Warrants Payable		3,515.28
Deferred Revenue-Wharfage		4,344.64
Deferred Revenue-Moorings		350.00
Fund Balance Reserve/Capital		25,710.15
Harbormaster		
Fund Balance Reserve/Capital Wharfage		35,000.00
State Ramp/Capital Reserved		3,000.00

Fund Balance Reserved/Dredging	46,616.70
Undesignated Fund Balance	41,221.41

	<u>159,758.18</u>	<u>159,758.18</u>
Fund Totals		

Non-Expendable Trust:

Restricted Savings	835,133.21	
Reserved Fund Balances:		
Salisbury Memorial		52,966.53
W.B. Hicks Library		500.00
I. Weeks Library		1,000.00
Perpetual Care		491,198.66
Nancy Fenn Music Scholarship		33,342.00
Library Trusts		14,041.00
Ron Desrosiers Memorial Trust		19,585.02
Mary Brown Library		5,000.00
Pelletier Public Library		2,500.00
H. Hoyt Library		10,000.00
Tripp Library		200,000.00
Tripp High School Library		5,000.00

	<u>835,133.21</u>	<u>835,133.21</u>
Fund Totals		

Expendable Trust:

Cash	859,779.07	
Warrant Payable		198,246.22
Law Enforcement		33,766.91
School Improvement		4,149.20
Grimshaw/Gudewicz Scholarship		4,077.91
Grimshaw/Gudewicz Scholarship II		1,996.30
Salisbury Memorial	12,594.49	
Ambulance		8,148.21
Wm B Hicks Library Trust		25.26
I. Weeks Library		107.89
Town Farm		13,120.02
Landing Commissioners		32,749.33
Bicentennial Playground		329.03
Conservation		12,030.21
Veterans Memorial		1,287.17
Perpetual Care		334,071.74
High School Library Trust		182.77
Open Space		191.95
Westport Betterment/Fuel		3,155.51
Nancy Fenn Music Scholarship		2,136.07
I.B. Bolwman Library Trust		10,422.11
Library Trust		615.83
R. Desrosiers Memorial		8,094.37
Mary Brown Library		4,434.98
Westport Betterment/Community Center		1,436.40
Pelletier/Public Library		35.59
Westport Betterment		6,186.96
Westport Historical		5,640.99
Helen Ellis Arts Lottery		21,904.26
H. Hoyt Library Trust		3,046.60

Tripp Senior		29,564.96
Tripp Library	17,014.22	
Tripp H.S. Library		5,733.87
Planning Board Review Fees		125,493.17
Appeals Board/Comprehensive Permits		17,005.99

	<u>889,387.78</u>	<u>889,387.78</u>
Fund Totals		

Other Trust:

Cash	2,071,966.28	
Stabilization Fund		1,013,115.34
Retirement Fund		1,058,850.94

	<u>2,071,966.28</u>	<u>2,071,966.28</u>
Fund Totals		

Agency:

Cash	1,292,040.90	
Warrants Payable		58,770.59
Sped/Medicaid		5,791.66
Special Police/Firearm Detail		1,385.97
Police X-Detail		1,773.95
School X-Detail		417.18
Disability Ins		337.13
Dental Ins		1,105.00
Insurance-Retirees		17,508.01
Insurance-PPO		5,033.88
Insurance-HMO		55,547.07
Insurance-Voluntary Life		697.89
Insurance-Life Ins		120.65
Firearm Licenses		1,070.00
Constable Fees		9.00
Sales Tax		364.65
Sporting Licenses	1,073.25	
Collector Over/Overage		101.77
Performance Bonds/Passbooks		1,119,831.87
H.S Student Activity		17,435.42
M.S. Student Activity		5,761.51
Elem. Student Activity		11.99
Mac. Student Activity		38.96

	<u>1,293,114.15</u>	<u>1,293,114.15</u>
Fund Totals		

Outstanding Debt:

School Construction Bond		2,700,000.00
Agricultural Open Space		480,000.00
Landfill		400,000.00

	<u>3,580,000.00</u>	<u>3,580,000.00</u>
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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 2004

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Returned</u>
<u>Accountant</u>				
Salaries	68,993.00	68,959.97		33.03
Expenses	11,605.00	11,485.33	80.03	39.64
 <u>Appeals</u>				
Salaries	3,584.00	3,346.46		237.54
Expenses	1,225.00	976.11	42.19	206.70
 <u>Assessors</u>				
Salaries	117,404.44	117,404.44		0.00
Expenses	3,125.56	2,955.08		170.48
2000 Revaluation Program	29,049.58		29,049.58	0.00
2001 Update Revaluation	40,000.00		40,000.00	0.00
2001 Appellate Hearings	1,961.89	816.92		1,144.97
2002 Appellate Hearings	2,000.00		2,000.00	
 <u>Board Of Health</u>				
Salaries	168,906.00	165,858.36		3,047.64
Expenses	11,220.00	10,725.13	86.80	408.07
Encumbered	83.24	83.24		0.00
 <u>Building Inspectors</u>				
Salaries	116,043.00	116,036.76		6.24
Expenses	10,478.00	9,719.73	40.76	717.51
 <u>Cemetery</u>				
Salaries	93,193.00	80,896.36		12,296.64
Expenses	10,043.00	10,023.03		0.00
2000 Maintain Cemeteries	285.49	285.49		0.00
2000 Cemetery Water System	2,550.00		2,550.00	0.00
2001 Cemetery Maintenance	1,069.92	1,064.49		0.00
 <u>Civil Defense</u>				
Salaries	1,764.00	1,709.36		54.64
Expenses	2,300.00	2,247.89	11.06	41.05
 <u>Collector</u>				
Salaries	99,229.00	99,227.40		1.60
Expenses	15,050.00	14,786.16	216.50	47.34
Encumbered	237.32	237.32		0.00
Prior Year Bills	150.00	150.00		0.00
 <u>Conservation</u>				
Salaries	64,024.00	63,629.14		394.86
Expenses	2,963.00	2,862.64		100.36
Encumbered	78.62			78.62

98 Administration of NOI	187.50	187.50		0.00
<u>Council On Aging</u>				
Salaries	91,913.00	91,906.43		6.57
Expenses	13,700.00	13,697.08		2.92
<u>Data Processing</u>				
Salaries	4,000.00	3,739.99		260.01
Expenses	43,350.00	41,748.80	1,601.00	0.20
98 Computer Upgrade	20,107.65	14,425.33	5,682.32	0.00
<u>Dog Officer</u>				
Salaries	23,114.00	22,630.00		484.00
Expenses	5,263.00	3,572.77	250.00	1,440.23
Encumbered	100.00			100.00
<u>Election & Registration</u>				
Salaries	38,788.00	36,231.53		2,556.47
Expenses	15,943.00	14,923.66		1,019.34
Encumbered	2,380.00	23.80		0.00
<u>Employee Benefits</u>				
Health Insurance	1,475,000.00	1,500,590.19		-25,590.19
Life Insurance	6,000.00	4,315.92		1,684.08
FICA/Medicare	135,000.00	156,485.22		-21,485.22
Unemployment	85,000.00	36,081.13		48,918.87
Workers Compensation	70,000.00	72,863.00		-2,863.00
<u>Finance Committee</u>				
Salaries	1,435.00	1,376.34		58.66
Expenses	2,440.00	2,435.69		4.31
Reserve Fund Transfers	102,324.00	100,342.80		1,981.20
<u>Fire Department</u>				
Salaries	1,170,956.00	1,165,831.35		5,124.65
Expenses	125,870.00	94,968.91	30,901.09	0.00
Encumbered	4,943.52	4,942.04		1.48
<u>Gas Inspectors</u>				
<u>Highway</u>				
Salaries	497,305.00	490,713.58	2,551.76	4,039.66
Expenses	118,102.00	107,702.62	10,399.38	0.00
2002 Road Reconstruction	23,118.49	23,118.49		0.00
2003 Road Reconstruction	80,000.00	1,381.70	78,618.30	0.00
2004 Road Reconstruction	20,000.00	7,903.01	12,096.99	0.00
Encumbered	3,198.04	2,714.20		483.84

Highway/Snow & Ice

Salaries	38,202.00	29,974.42		8,227.58
Expenses	30,000.00	105,322.90		-75,322.90

Historical Commission

Expenses	539.00	539.00		0.00
Encumbered	99.28	99.28		0.00

Landfill

Salaries	62,669.00	62,454.32		214.68
Expenses	209,979.00	208,531.55	130.00	1,317.45
Encumbered	50.00	27.22		22.78
FY01 Landfill Closure	1,416.60	1,416.60		0.00
FY01 STM Landfill Closure	3,184.62	3,184.62		0.00
FY03 Landfill Closure	30,000.00	5,951.89	24,048.11	0.00

Landing Commission

FY03 Head Landing Cleanup	3,603.41	3,603.41		0.00
FY04 Head Landing Cleanup	100,000.00	100,000.00		0.00

Legal

Legal Expense	105,000.00	85,301.66	7,000.00	12,698.34
FY04 Prior Yr Bills	2,939.00	2,938.00		0.00
Encumbered	9,200.00	9,200.00		0.00

Library

Salaries	144,802.00	144,796.71		5.29
Expenses	25,424.00	25,424.00		0.00
FY03 Library Roof Repair	5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00

Moderator

Salaries	665.00	665.00		0.00
Expenses	101.00	20.00		81.00

Nursing

Salaries	25,511.00	25,411.75		99.25
Expenses	3,703.00	3,564.00		139.00
Encumbered	35.16	35.16		0.00

Parking Tickets

Expenses	3,285.00	3,285.00		0.00
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Personnel Board

Salaries	484.00	149.16		334.84
Expenses	80.00			80.00

Planning Board

Salaries	63,709.00	63,707.26		1.74
Expenses	2,740.00	2,674.89		65.11
Encumbered	226.83	226.83		0.00

2001 Master Plan	3,964.60	369.82	3,534.78	60.00
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Plumbing Inspector

Police Department

Salaries	1,873,101.00	1,873,050.76		50.24
Expenses	222,499.00	221,483.86	1,000.00	15.14
FY04 Marked Cruisers	60,000.00	60,000.00		0.00
Encumbered	500.00	500.00		0.00

Property Insurance

Expenses	191,833.00	191,404.03		428.97
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Recreation/Community Center

Expenses	4,850.00	3,006.49		1,843.51
Encumbered	2,022.84	2,022.84		0.00

Regional Schools

Diman	323,773.00	320,552.00		3,221.00
Bristol Aggie	20,298.80	20,298.80		0.00

Retirement

Expenses	837,195.00	837,195.00		0.00
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School Department

Gen Ed Salaries	7,549,373.98	7,187,830.32	361,543.66	0.00
Gen Ed Expenses	1,527,376.63	1,252,092.59	275,284.04	0.00
Gen Ed Salaries Enc	390,440.39	390,440.38		0.01
Gen Ed Encumbered	8,926.03	8,926.03		0.00
Gen Ed Trans Salaries		96,992.80		-96,992.80
Gen Ed Trans Expenses	875,750.09	778,757.29		96,992.80
Gen Ed Trans Encumbered	248,650.63	247,133.62		1,517.01
Spec Ed Salaries	1,623,214.38	1,543,298.93	79,915.45	0.00
Spec Ed Expenses	424,464.01	315,324.97	104,834.45	4,304.59
Sped Ed Salaries Enc	96,430.94	96,430.94		0.00
Sped Ed Trans Expenses	299,415.91	262,038.33	2,874.00	34,503.58
Sped Ed Trans Encumbered	804.44	804.44		0.00

Sealer Of Weights Measures

Salaries	1,563.00	1,563.00		0.00
Expenses	267.00	193.69		73.31

Selectmen

Salaries	158,248.00	156,502.21		1,745.79
Expenses	36,391.00	32,564.10	3,826.90	0.00

Shellfish

Salaries	60,601.00	60,601.00		0.00
Expenses	15,205.00	15,176.83		28.17

Encumbered				0.00
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Street Lighting

Expenses	18,771.00	17,687.39		1,083.61
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Town Beach

Salaries	18,840.00	18,181.79		658.21
Expenses	1,675.00	1,555.04	92.00	27.96

Town Building Committee

Salaries	484.00			484.00
Expenses	80.00			80.00

Town Clerk

Salaries	72,824.00	72,459.87		364.13
Expenses	1,325.00	1,198.84		126.16

Town Farm

Expenses	2,816.00	2,553.90		262.10
Encumbered	426.70	426.70		0.00

Town Hall

Salaries	54,845.00	54,668.50		176.50
Expenses	49,949.00	47,143.13	2,063.67	742.20
FY03 TH Annex Broiler/AC	33,140.35	23,635.17	9,505.18	0.00
FY04 T.H. Annex Well	7,500.00	3,233.00	4,267.00	0.00
FY04 T.H. Cleanup	101,000.00	95,453.00	5,546.91	0.00
Encumbered	2,193.57	2,193.57		0.00

Town Reports

Expenses	4,223.00	3,550.76		672.24
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Treasurer

Salaries	102,320.00	102,109.64		210.36
Expenses	26,525.00	23,493.96	2,350.80	680.24
Encumbered	10.00	10.00		0.00

Wire Inspectors

Veterans Graves

Salaries	820.00	820.00		0.00
Expenses	1,937.00	1,695.19		241.81

Veterans Services

Salaries	30,048.00	30,048.00		0.00
Expenses	4,037.00	3,540.81	405.00	91.19
Veteran Benefits	70,482.00	69,661.25		820.75
Veteran Services	4,500.00	4,283.89		216.11

Encumbered	725.00	725.00	0.00
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Long Term Debt

School Bond	300,000.00	300,000.00	0.00
Landfill Bond	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
Agricultural Open Space	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00

Long Term Interest

School Bond	111,300.00	111,300.00	0.00
Landfill Bond	22,900.00	22,900.00	0.00
Agricultural Open Space	4,014.00	3,454.71	559.29

Short Term Debt

Expenses	15,000.00	15,000.00
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Other Government

FY04 Core/Sampling W. River	10,000.00	1,954.00	8,046.00	0.00
FY04 Mosquito Control	1.00			1.00
FY04 Environmental Services	1,540.00	770.00		770.00
FY98 Annex Water System	429.04		429.04	0.00

State Assessments

Charter Tuition Assessment		87,179.00	
Special Ed Ch71b		17,544.00	
Mosquito Control Project		65,370.00	
Air Pollution Control		3,907.00	
Trans Auth. Gatra		16,128.00	
RMV/Non-Renewal Surcharge		9,240.00	
SPREDD	2,291.00	2,290.98	.02

County Assessment

County Tax	215,360.97
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24,154,576.2	23,395,126.95	1,119,025.15	55,153.07
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STATEMENT OF REVENUE

BUDGET VS. ACTUAL FISCAL YEAR 2004

<u>Taxes & Local Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Plus/Minus</u>
Personal Property	298,241	245,240.21	(53,000.79)
Real Estate	14,710,368	14,769,548.34	59,180.34
Conveyance		1,446.00	1,446.00
Roll Back		7,422.92	7,422.92
Tax Liens Redeemed		40,608.08	40,608.08
Litigated Taxes		1,448.68	1,448.68
Motor Vehicle Taxes	1,600,000	1,523,536.04	(76,463.96)
Boat Excise Taxes	21,000	27,314.96	6,314.96
Farm Animal & Machine	3,800	3,898.98	98.98
Forest Excise	188.00	188.00	-
Rental/Codim Monk Nursery School	2,000.00	3,850.00	1,850.00
Rental/Town Farm	18,000	19,000.00	1,000.00

Rentals/Land/Annex		1.00	1.00
Telephone Commission	10	10.36	0.36
Public Hearings	700	840.00	140.00
Selectmen/Hix Bridge Permits	1,000	1,625.00	625.00
Liquor Licenses	21,000	20,576.68	(423.32)
Cable Franchise Fee	2,300	2,107.00	(193.00)
Entertainment Licenses	1,000	900.00	(100.00)
Auctioneers	100	90.00	(10.00)
Auto Repair Licenses	5,500	5,795.00	295.00
Common Victualler Licenses	1,100	2,150.00	1,050.00
Motor Vehicle Licenses	7,500	14,275.00	6,775.00
State/Sunday Licenses	100	260	160.00
Trailer Permits	6,100	6,120.00	20.00
Yard Sales/Flea Market	200.00	327.00	127.00
Selectmen Miscellaneous	490	592.20	102.20
Assessors Miscellaneous	1,000	1,845.00	845.00
Tax Title Release	100	75.00	(25.00)
Treasurer Miscellaneous	600	647.42	47.42
Investment Interest	87,000	55,648.28	(31,351.72)
Collector Interest-Taxes	45,000	51,394.86	6,394.86
Collector Interest-Excise	7,800	7,079.25	(720.75)
Collector Demands-Taxes	3,200	3,915.00	715.00
Collector Demands-Excise	21,000	21,085.00	85.00
Collector Interest-Liens	13,000	13,106.81	106.81
In Lieu of Taxes	5,500		(5,500.00)
Municipal Liens	35,000	21,700.00	(13,300.00)
Release Fees	7,500	9,320.00	1,820.00
Collector Interest Earned	3,000	3,305.23	305.23
Data Processing Miscellaneous	50	13.32	(36.68)
Town Clerk Miscellaneous	1,900	1,866.61	(33.39)
Zoning By-Laws	1,100	1,108.00	8.00
Town Clerk Charges	11,000	15,283.45	4,283.45
Raffle, Junk, Hawkers	600	680.00	80.00
Voting Lists	500	359.00	(141.00)
Conservation Comm Miscellaneous	200	212.00	12.00
Conservation Comm Filing Fees	2,800.00	3,495.00	695.00
Conservation Comm Soil Permits	4,000	950.00	(3,050.00)
Planning Board Fees	10,000	15,099.15	5,099.15
Board of Appeals Fees	2,500	3,000.00	500.00
Board of Appeals Filing	4,000	16,840.00	12,840.00
Unclassified Miscellaneous	1,000	20,625.68	19,625.68
Miscellaneous	1,200	20,625.68	19,425.68
Police Reports	1,300	1,545.00	245.00
Administrative Fees	14,000	24,100.58	10,100.58
Fire Arms/ID Cards	6,000	8,905.00	2,905.00
Non-Criminal Fines	100	943.80	843.80
Court Fines	6,500	13,475.00	6,975.00
Registrar Fines	87,000	119,322.50	32,322.50
Parking Fines	21,400	32,419.25	11,019.25
Fire Dept Fees	5,100	8,372.20	3,272.20
Ambulance Charges	300,000	329,928.37	29,928.37
Building Permits	85,000	106,595.00	21,595.00
Gas Permits	6,500	9,508.00	3,008.00
Plumbing Permits	18,000	22,755.00	4,755.00
Sealer of Weight & Measure Permits	2,000	1,940.00	(60.00)
Electrical Permits	27,000	38,842.00	11,842.00
Dog Boarding	800	800.00	-
Dog Licenses	11,000	11,221.00	221.00
Shellfish Licenses	21,000	33,030.00	12,030.00
Education Miscellaneous	50	11.00	(39.00)
Scrap Iron/Tin	3,700	6,706.25	3,006.25
Tires	200	41.40	(158.60)

Paper/Magazine	3,800	4,830.78	1,030.78
Cardboard	2,200	2,436.80	236.80
Glass	500	293.76	(206.24)
Plastics	1,500	1,785.85	285.85
Televisions	1,200	1,927.10	727.10
Bulk Trash Permits	5,700	14,841.60	9,141.60
Punch Cards	142,400	171,149.05	28,749.05
Landfill Day Passes	100	239.35	139.35
Landfill Stickers	1,800	3,172.81	1,372.81
Cemetery Interments	37,000	42,370.00	5,370.00
Cemetery Foundations	6,000	11,545.92	5,545.92
Cemetery Saturday/Sunday Burial	3,000	5,200.00	2,200.00
Board of Health Permits	68,500	91,124.15	22,624.15
BOH-Anti Smoking		300.00	300.00
Board of Health Miscellaneous Fees	400	268.30	(131.70)
Nursing/Shots	100	200.00	100.00
Nursing Charges	1,900	1,401.00	(499.00)
Library Fees	3,500	3,406.93	(93.07)
Beach Stickers	33,000	54,070.00	21,070.00
Historical Commission Fees	100	100.00	-
Historical Commission Hearings	300	300.00	-

Total Local Receipts	17,900,897	18,340,880.94	439,983.94
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Hotel/Motel Taxes	100,000	111,878.00	11,878.00
Abatements to Spouses	17,626	17,824.00	198.00
Abatements to Elderly	58,333	57,730.00	(603.00)
School Aid Chapter 70	3,945,860	3,945,860.00	-
Charter School Reimbursement	4,216	13,835.00	9,619.00
Police Career Incentive	79,138	74,130.32	(5,007.68)
Veterans Benefits	28,038	45,862.80	17,824.80
Lottery	1,124,879	1,124,879.00	-
State Owned Land	62,070	62,070.00	-
Medical Reimbursement	10,000	110,527.14	100,527.14
Civil Defense		5,509.61	5,509.61
Miscellaneous State		15.00	15.00

Total State Aid	5,430,160	5,570,120.87	139,960.87
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Total Local & State Receipts	23,331,057	23,911,001.81	579,944.81
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HARBOR ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>To Fund Balance</u>
<u>State Boat Ramp</u>			
Salaries	12,053.00	12,048.62	4.38
Expenses	1,647.00	1,343.09	303.91
Capital	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Indirect Costs	<u>2,389.89</u>	<u>2,377.66</u>	<u>12.23</u>
Total	19,089.89	18,769.37	320.52

Harbormaster

Salaries	27,051.00	27,044.29	6.71
Expenses	11,874.00	11,709.42	164.58
Capital	5,000.00	6,128.04	-1,128.04
Dredge	65,000.00	25,000.00	
Indirect Costs	17,994.68	17,967.36	27.32
Total	126,919.68	87,849.11	-929.43

Wharfinger

Salaries	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Expenses	6,830.00	7,504.01	-674.01
Capital	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Repay Debt	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Indirect Costs	1,640.32	1,636.12	4.20
Total	28,670.32	29,340.13	-669.81

TOTALS	174,679.89	135,958.61	-1,278.72
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HARBOR ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<u>State Ramp</u>	16,700	19,071	2,371
<u>Harbormaster</u>			
Moorings	2,450	2,350	-100
Dredge Surcharge	25,000	26,485	1,485
Dock and Slip Fees	48,200	52,870	4,670
Mooring Rentals	0	190	190
Interest		22	22
<u>Wharfinger</u>			
Wharfage	26,314	22,804	-3,510
Interest		398	398
Service Charges	2,582	4,752	2,170

<u>Waterway</u>	31,909	31,909	0
<u>Revenue</u>			
	153,155	160,851	7,696

WATER ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>To Fund Balance</u>
Expenses:			
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,600.00	3,537.70	62.30
Water Purchases	45,000.00	29,604.28	15,395.72
	48,600.00	33,141.98	15,458.02

WATER ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Water Usage	48,600.00	45,485.53	-3,114.47
Service Charges	0.00	6,569.50	6,569.50
Meters	0.00	203.00	203.00
Interest	0.00	586.60	586.60
	48,600.00	52,844.63	4,244.63

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS AUTHORIZED

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
COA-Programs	12,167.05	20,718.54	23,342.50	9,543.09
Senior Building Center	2,564.30	2,888.00	2,760.15	2,692.15
COA-Transportation	14.03	6,262.36	5,994.09	282.30
COA-Senior Day Care	47,333.37	51,016.12	58,931.45	39,418.04
Ambulance	199,397.53	80,000.00	144,184.23	135,213.30
Cable Advisory	213,688.49		49,458.32	164,230.17
Planning Board-GIS	1,700.00	8,530.00	1,195.00	9,035.00
	476,864.77	169,415.02	285,865.74	360,414.05

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN BEACH

The following is a report of the Town Beach for the year ending December 31, 2004.

The Westport Town Beaches were patrolled by four full-time lifeguards and two part-time lifeguards in 2004. Lifeguards are certified in Lifesaving, First Aid and CPR. They are responsible for patrolling Cherry & Webb Beach from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week. Other duties include cleaning both Cherry & Webb Beach and East Beach, the parking lots and the dunes.

The Fire and Highway Departments provided and maintained a four-wheel drive vehicle in case of emergency and for clean up. Two police radios allow us to communicate with the Police and Fire Departments and the Harbormaster. The Beach Department provided two port-o-johns. They are located in the Cherry & Webb Beach south parking lot and the East Beach parking lot. A dumpster is also provided at the end of Cherry & Webb Lane for beach trash. Thanks to the Selectmen and staff, Highway, Police and Fire Departments and the Harbormaster for their cooperation

Respectfully submitted,

Gustin Cariglia
Head Lifeguard

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN FARM

The following is a report for the Town Farm for the year ending December 31, 2004.

2004 came and went quietly at the Town Farm. The two apartments have housed the same steady tenants for a number of years and the land continues to be rented and maintained by a neighboring farmer. The attics continue to house the same summer maternity colony of bats that fly down from the caves in the Berkshires every year. The bat mothers and their young enjoy their Westport summers along the River and have ignored all attempts at discouraging their annual stay.

The entire property earns \$22,216.00 in rents, all of which goes into the Town's general fund. The Farm's annual budget of \$2,816.00 is spent on maintenance and repairs. At present, the Town Farm Trust Account contains \$13,212.64. This account was generated by a private donation.

While the Farm generates income for the Town, it also preserves a unique 18th century farmstead and provides an oasis along Drift Road free of charge and development.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Millham

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

I hereby submit my annual report as Treasurer June 30, 2004.

Cash balance June 30, 2003	\$
9,844,630.64	
Receipts July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004	30,204,031.65
Total	
\$40,048,662.29	
Expenditures-Warrant July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004	
(29,699,794.60)	
Balance June 30, 2004	
\$10,348,867.69	
Total Cash June 30, 2004	
\$10,348,867.69	

You are hereby advised the following interest was earned for the Town of Westport through the cash management system and regular investments by the Town Treasurer of cash for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Interest earned on Certificates	
of Deposit-Stabilization Fund	\$
20,005.53	
Income earned on Certificates	
of Deposit-Pension Reserve Fund:	
Special Fund for Retirement Purposes	
M.G.L. Chapter 40 Sec. 5D	
28,669.98	
Interest earned on Certificates	
of Deposit, Money Market and	
Savings-Revenue	
55,648.28	
Total Income earned July 2003 through June 2004	
104,323.79	

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Foster
Treasurer

TOWN OF WESTPORT DEBTS ACCOUNT

June 30, 2004

Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	\$3,580,000	
School Remodeling		2,700,000
Agriculture/Open Space Preservation		480,000
Landfill Closure		400,000
	\$3,580,000	\$3,580,000

SCHEDULE OF DEBT & INTEREST OUTSTANDING

June 30, 2004

	Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
#1	02/15/02	School Remodeling 300,000	3.8657%	10/15/04	51,525.00	
				4/15/05	51,525.00	
				10/15/05	47,025.00	
				4/15/06	47,025.00	
				300,000		
				10/15/06	41,925.00	
				4/15/07	41,925.00	
				300,000		
				10/15/07	36,675.00	
				4/15/08	36,675.00	
				300,000		
				10/15/08	30,975.00	
				4/15/09	30,975.00	
				300,000		
				10/15/09	24,975.00	
				4/25/10	24,975.00	
				300,000		
				10/15/10	18,975.00	
				4/15/11	18,975.00	
				300,000		
				10/15/11	12,825.00	
				4/15/12	12,825.00	
				300,000		
				10/15/12	6,525.00	
				4/15/13	6,525.00	
				300,000		
Total School					\$542,850.00	\$2,700,000
#2	01/15/99	Landfill Closure	3.81%	07/15/04	7,700.00	
				01/15/05	7,700.00	200,000
				07/15/05	3,900.00	
				01/15/06	3,900.00	200,000
Total Landfill.					\$ 23,200.00	\$ 400,000
#3	12/19/03	Agricultural/ Open Space Preservation Trust	1.39%	12/17/04	2,426.00	175,000
#4	04/08/04	Agricultural/ Open Space Preservation Trust	1.34%	12/17/04	2,833.00	305,000
					Total Land Trust	

TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET TRUST & INVESTED ACCOUNTS

June 30, 2004

Cash & Securities in Custody of Treasurer

\$3,776,993.77

FUND BALANCES:

Non-expendable:

Mary Brown Library	\$ 5,000.00
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund	19,585.02
Nancy Ring Fenn Music Scholarship	33,342.00
Hicks Library	500.00
Harry Hoyt Library	10,000.00
Library Trusts:	
R & R Tripp	1,500.00
Arline Gifford	3,950.00
Rhoda Sheehan	1,000.00
Alice Dennett Tripp	3,931.00
Lockwood Towne	2,600.00
Isabelle Bowen	1,410.00
Edythe M. Pelletier Library	2,500.00
Salisbury Scholarship	52,966.53
Hazel Tripp High School Library	
5,000.00	
Hazel Tripp Public Library	200,000.00
Imogene Weeks Library	
1,000.00	
Cemeteries:	
Point Cemetery	\$ 8,232.00
Hicks Lot	2,000.00
Private Cemetery	6,907.00
Peleg Peckham	
6,430.00	
Irene Poole	2,190.00
Linden Grove	16,715.00
Beech Grove	369,802.00
Maple Grove	79,072.66
Total Non-expendable	
\$835,633.21	

Expendable:

Agriculture/Open Space Preservation Trust	\$ 9,393.43
Ambulance	8,148.21
Appeals Board	20,866.81
Bicentennial Playground	79.03
Bowman Library Trust	10,422.11
Mary Brown Library	4,434.98
Community Center	1,436.40
Conservation Trust	12,030.21
Conservation Open Space	191.95
Desrosiers Trust	8,094.37
Helen Ellis Trust (Arts Lottery)	21,904.26
Fenn Music Scholarship	
2,136.07	
Grinshaw-Gudewicz Trust	4,077.91
Grimshaw-Gudewicz II	1,996.30
Hicks Library	25.26
Historical Commission	5,640.99
Hoyt Library	3,046.60
Landing Commission	32,749.33
Law Enforcement	33,887.89
Library Trusts	265.83
Pelletier Public Library	35.59
Perpetual Care	437,934.72

Planning Board Engineering	125,493.17
Retirement/Pension Trust Fund	
1,058,850.94	
Salisbury Trust	2,478.01
School Improvement Fund	4,149.20
Stabilization Fund	1,013,115.34
Town Farm	13,120.02
Hazel Tripp High School Library	
5,916.64	
Hazel Tripp Public Library	59,136.50
Hazel Tripp Senior Center	29,564.96
Veterans Memorial	1,287.17
Imogene Weeks Library	
107.89	
Westport Citizens' Betterment-Fuel Assistance	3,155.51
Westport Citizens' Betterment	6,186.96
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Total Expendable	
.\$2,941,360.56	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS AGENT

I herewith submit my report for 2004 as Director/Agent of Veterans Services.

Cases on hand December 31, 2004.....	18
Cases on hand December 31, 2003.....	14
Cases opened during 2004, State & Federal.....	48
Cases not approved in 2004, State & Federal.....	7
Cases closed during 2004, State & Federal.....	3
Cases pending end of 2004, State & Federal.....	11
Veterans requiring help with obtaining medications and health services from the D.V.A. 2004.....	118
Veterans requiring additional help with Applications being lost or waiting to be adjudicated.....	11
Veterans Hospitalized in 2004.....	87
Veterans/Dependents requiring services in 2004.....	1,490
Veterans Population in Westport in 2004.....	1,166

The amount of monies received by Veterans and/or Dependents from compensation, Pensions, Education, Voc Rehab, Insurance's and Indemnities resulting from claims filed through Veterans' Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs equal \$1,325,621.00. The amount of monies received as reimbursement from the Office of the Commission of Veterans' Services and Benefits expended by the Town of Westport for the year 2003 equal \$51,889.40.

For 143 years, since 1861, from its first commitments to the civil war veterans and their spouses and dependents, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has demonstrated solid concern and compassion for those men and women who have displayed sacrifice, valor, and duty when their state and nation called upon them. It supports a network of services and benefits to insure that none of the 500,000 veterans in the state who served in time of war or their dependents will go hungry or become homeless or medically deprived.

After WWII when its membership was overwhelmingly veterans, the Legislature completely reorganized Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Law, which formed the basis of today's Veterans' financial and medical benefits system and established the title of Commissioner now the Secretary of Veterans' Services.

The Secretary has the responsibility for the proper administration of MGL 115. In addition to his

supporting staff of some 35 personnel, most of whom are located in offices next to the State House, Veterans' Agents now called Veteran Service Officers carry out the program. They provide assistance in every city and town in the Commonwealth. The VSO/Agent is a local employee and must be a veteran. It is the VSO/Agent to whom unemployed, indigent, disabled, ill, injured or otherwise needy veterans first apply for assistance. The Agents interview the applicants and determine their eligibility. If a veteran qualifies, the agent will provide him with necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula, which takes into account the number of his dependents and his income from all sources. All expenses are paid by the veteran's hometown, and periodically, upon validation of the expenses, the Commonwealth reimburses 75% of those approved costs. The Commonwealth assists also in burial expenses for indigent veterans.

It is a modest program, separate from public welfare, but it provides for a veteran's necessary support with the dignity to which he/she is entitled in the view of the sacrifices made in the service of his country. Needy dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits, as would the veteran if he was living.

In addition to the benefits paid through the program described, the Department of Veterans' Services pays an annual annuity of \$1,500 to certain veterans who have suffered permanent disabilities due to enemy action or accident during wartime. Additionally, the Department provides funding for nine non-profit veterans' outreach centers and three homeless shelters located throughout the Commonwealth. These programs require active veteran participation and are regionally-based service networks.

Massachusetts Veterans' Services has no formal affiliation with the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). It has an office at the VA's Regional Office, however, that provides assistance through the Veterans' Agents to all veterans and their dependents in applying for VA educational benefits, pensions, home loans, and arrangements for the treatment of service connected illness or injuries.

Furthermore, all veterans meeting certain wartime service-connected criteria are provided with motor vehicle benefits and property tax exemptions. There is also a Veterans Preference for state-aided public housing and civil service employment. Low-interest home loans are available through the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency. Eligible veterans may attend state colleges and universities as full time undergraduate students and receive full tuition waivers. Bonuses are paid to veterans of all wars since WW-I. There are two independent Soldiers' Homes in the Commonwealth.

The Veterans' Agents/VSO's are available to anyone seeking information or assistance in the area of veterans' benefits and services and can always be reached at their city or town halls. All citizens are encouraged to meet their local Veterans' Agents and learn about veterans' programs.

Our locally based veterans' assistance program is unlike that of any other in the nation and the envy of many other states. I hope that I have helped all to understand the importance and purpose of this program.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' GRAVE REGISTRATION OFFICER

I herewith submit my report for 2004 as Veterans' Graves Registration Officer.

Upkeep Outlying Private Cemeteries.....	\$ 820.00
Large Flags, U.S. & POW/MIA	
Graves Flags, Grave Flag Holders.....	\$1,388.00
Transportation, Graves Officer.....	\$ 256.00
Supplies, Office/Groundskeeping,	
Bugler Services& Flowers.....	\$ 293.00

The Veterans' Graves Department provides numerous services assisting veterans, widows and dependents in need. Monuments are provided for veteran's graves and final arrangements are made including burial in National Cemeteries. We in Westport are fortunate enough to have our own burial plots free of charge to our Veterans and their spouse. No reservations are made but Veterans should

first have their separation papers on file at the town Veterans' Office and should make arrangements with their Funeral Director notifying him of their wishes to be buried at the Town Veterans' Burial Plot. You must be a resident at time of death, have been born and entered the services from Westport at time of entry. All this information is recorded on your separation papers and that is why it is important to have them recorded at the Westport Veterans' Office.

On behalf of the Veterans' Graves and Memorial Department, I would like to thank our four Veterans' organizations and Auxiliaries. Without their support, many of my services would not be possible. Thanks to the Westport V.V.A. Chapter #207 for being present and providing the Honor Guard and Firing Squad at all our ceremonies and burials. Also, thank you to the Boy Scouts in Westport for helping decorate the graves on Memorial Day and for their decorations at Christmas time at the Memorials throughout the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Costa
Veterans' Graves Registration Officer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

I herewith submit my report as Service Officer for the Veterans' Organizations located in the Town of Westport for the year 2004.

Through the combined efforts of our three organizations located at the Legion Hall, A.L. Post #145, D.A.V. Chapter #118 and V.V.A. Chapter #207 the following improvements were made.

Things have been going well in Westport. Most all planned improvements have been made. George, Tony, Art, Pete, and Maitland kept things going. They have a good newsletter and are getting the news out concerning Veterans Issues. The fundraisers have been successful and the hall has been remodeled. The cable crew is in the process of moving in and some adjustments have been made to the upstairs part of the building. The stage has been modified and our first veterans show is scheduled to be aired with George as our moderator. This year we have been hit hard by snowstorms. Thanks to the Highway Department we have been able to get in and out of the parking lot. We now are looking for some young person to come forward to shovel in front of the doors and porch so that we will be able to get into the building. We now have a baseball team representing the Westport Legion starting this spring. The team will be made up from our own talented ball players from the Westport area. Keep an eye on this new team.

Officers and members of VFW Post # 8502 continue with their support to children activities. They support a little league baseball and basketball team as well as put on activities at Christmas. The fishing club donated six bikes to the children at Christmas, and Santa also paid them a visit. They have a scholarship program and promote other school and children activities that help to educate our children. They meet on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30 AM and Chef Willie provides them with a class breakfast. A flag was donated to the Housing Authority in memory of the Veterans who lived there and have passed on this year.

The DAV Chapter #118 donated scholarships to our children and a large flag to the Middle School as part of our Americanism program. We also donated a large flag to the Town Hall and Latessa Square. This unit is not as active as the others due to the age and the disabilities of the veterans. Its membership is getting smaller but we are still active. We have family meetings monthly and our women pick a place to socialize. It works if your retired.

Our V.V.A. Chapter #207 continues to support the Community with its Honor Guard. They have participated in over 1,000 ceremonies in our community. With their Fathers Day and Sweetheart fund raising breakfasts they earned and contributed six scholarships this past year to local children. This year they were asked to participate in some of the scout programs teaching the scouts how to fold the flag at their ceremonies. They were also represented at a High School program where Eagle Scout Mat

Weaver invited the veterans from Westport to participate. We wish to thank all that have remembered our Veterans throughout the year. To the Auxiliaries for their fine work, to the community for their support at all times and to all the children from the Middle School that donated to the cans for the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. We also thank those high school students who were gracious enough to invite our Veterans to participate in their programs as well as being there for our ceremonies on Memorial Day. We the Veterans of Westport thank you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald E. Costa, Commander
D.A.V. Chapter #118

Bertrand Leduc, Commander
V.F.W. Post #8502

Daniel Burns, President
V.V.A. Chapter #207

George R. Cataldo, Commander
A.L. Post #145



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WHARFINGER

The following is the Wharfinger's annual report for the year ending 2004.

Wharf fee for the 32 boats that berth at the docking facility at Town Dock is \$24.00 per foot. Revenue generated is \$24,869.80 and is maintained as part of the enterprise account. Out of the account the department is paying \$15,000 per year until all is repaid. This year we installed surveillance equipment purchased through a Local Preparedness Grant. The grant was procured by Charlene Wood the acting Town Administrator. Thank you Charlene. I am having three new lights installed at the dock to assist with surveillance performance. The dredge project is still moving forward and we hope dredging will take place this year. I wish to thank the Highway Department, the Police Department and the Fire Department for their help this year when called on.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Sherman
Wharfinger

Highway Department Employees Removing a Tree at the Town Hall Annex With Their
 "New" 1994 International Bucket Truck

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MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk	636-1000
Appeals Board	636-1004
Assessors, Board of	636-1012
Building Department (Wire, Gas & Plumbing)	636-1035
Cemetery Department	636-1025
Conservation Commission/Soil Board	636-1019
Grant Office	636-1041
Health, Board of	636-1015
(Transfer Station & Recycling Center: Open - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed - Tuesday, Wednesdays, Fridays & Holidays)	
Highway Department	636-1020
Planning Board	636-1037
Registrar of Voters	636-1001
Selectmen, Board of	636-1003
Tax Collector	636-1010
Town Administrator	636-1150
Town Accountant	636-1040
Town Treasurer	636-1007

PUBLIC SAFETY (BUSINESS NUMBERS)

Dog Officer	636-1115
Emergency Management	636-5884
Fire Department - Central Village	636-1110
Fire Department - Briggs Road	672-0721
Harbormaster	636-1105
Police Department	636-1122 or 636-1123
Detective Room	636-1124
Shellfish Warden/Wharfinger	636-1105
State Police (Dartmouth)	993-8373

HUMAN SERVICES

Citizens for Citizens	672-2221
Community Nurse	636-1030
Community Center/Recreation Commission	636-1038
Council on Aging/Senior Center	636-1026
Housing Authority	675-2039
Public Library	636-1100
Senior Social Day Care Program	636-1027
Veteran's Office	636-1028

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Administration Building	636-1140
Alice A. Macomber School	678-8671
Superintendent of Schools	636-1137
Westport Elementary School	636-1075
Westport High School	636-1050
Westport Middle School	636-1090

EMERGENCY ONLY

Ambulance, Fire, Police	911
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Massachusetts Poison Information Center

1-800-682-9211